



Magnolia, Iowa

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Introduction

As our Nation celebrates it's 200th birthday, every community was asked to do something special to commemorate the Bicentennial. In Magnolia a Bicentennial History Committee was formed and after meeting decided to print a history book of Magnolia and Magnolia Township.

Since Magnolia is the oldest town in Harrison County and was the "first" in many areas, the group felt that the information should be printed so many of our younger citizens could know the important part Magnolia played in the formation of this area.

Many long hard hours have been spent compiling this history. The Committee members also did all of the labor possible to keep the cost of the book at a minimum. Listed below are those persons who attended Bicentennial meetings. Some helped with support or suggestions only, while others helped a great deal, but everything was appreciated.

Kenneth and Hilda Cutler, Bud and Joy Methner, Charles and Mary Gilkerson, Art and Della Herman, Harry and Erma Bedsaul, Elsie Foland, Janet Rhoten, Lola Evans, Sondra Straight, Bertha Morton, Patricia Hardy, Jane Methner, Thelma Hiller, Ardis Hodges, Kay Jean Freymuller, and Lorita Rider.

Some portions of the history are taken from the memories of persons who live or have lived in the Magnolia area for many years, and their recollections may differ on some points. The group used three main history sources. "History of Harrison County" 1891 and 1915 and the Joe H. Smith Edition. Also used were the three Harrison County Newspapers. We apologize for errors or history that might have been omitted. We wrote of the compiling of the book for many months in two County newspapers and talked to many people. It should be understood that we could not contact everyone personally, so if you didn't come forward with your contribution to the history, we couldn't know of your ideas. Due to the vast amount of history, lack of time and space, it was literally impossible to cover everything even the Committee would have liked to include.

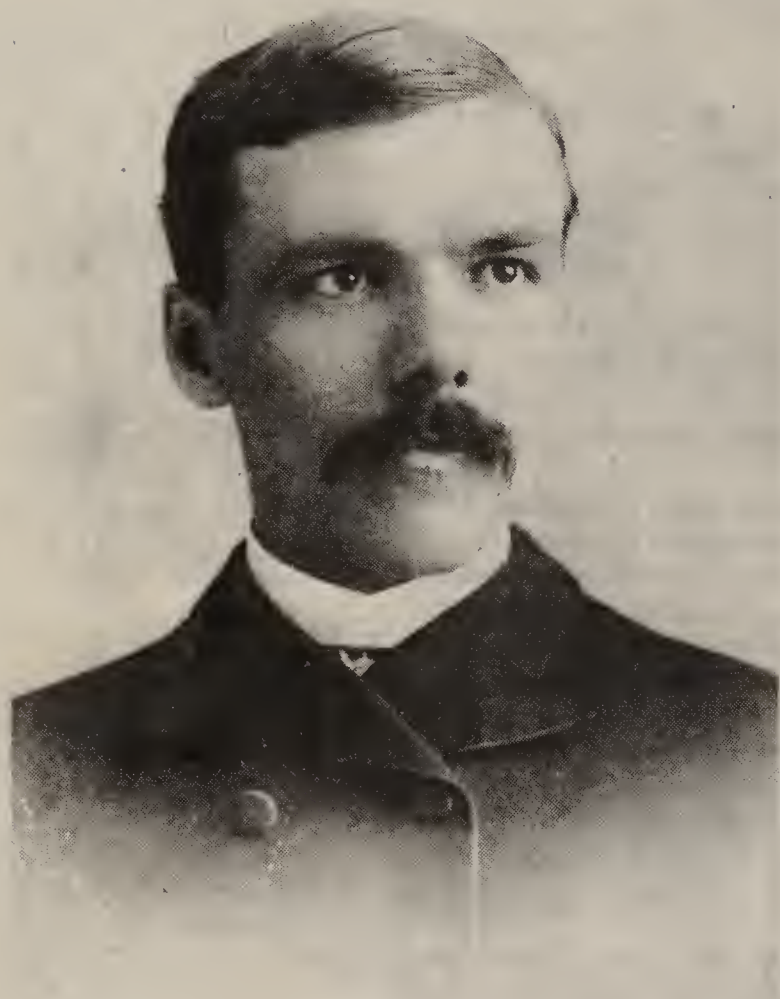
The History Committee would like to Thank Gerald Bloom and the staff at the Logan Herald-Observer for their time and effort and letting us invade their office every week, so that this book could be published at a price every family could afford.

The Committee would like to convey their gratitude to all who took the time to get their family histories to us and provide many pictures.

As Co-ordinator of the Bicentennial History Committee, I would like to say my personal "Thanks" to everyone that helped in any way. It is quite a "special" community, that has the kind of people that come forward, for no pay or personal recognition, to give many hours that this History Book might be completed for future generations.

Mrs. Lorita Rider

One of Magnolia's Favorite Sons



Newell Dwight Hillis who was born in Magnolia Township, attended the Magnolia Academy and became a noted orator, lecturer, minister, and author.

OLD DAYS IN MAGNOLIA By Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis

During the early fifties my father and mother came under the influence of Lyman Beecher, the celebrated preacher and teacher. At this time my father and mother were living near Cincinnati, Ohio. Lyman Beecher was then passing through the experience of a heresy trial. He was known as an Abolitionist, and an anti-slavery man. His name became a household word. Under his influence my father became a radical and a liberal. At that time Lyman Beecher threw his influence in favor of the great West. Some years before he had given a series of addresses at Andover and Yale Seminaries, and later at the newly founded college of Oberlin. A wave of enthusiasm for home missions swept over the churches of the land. A group of young ministers pledged themselves to take the state of Iowa for the college, the higher education, and the Christian religion. They were called the "Iowa Band." The religious newspapers of the time were filled with the story of their plans. Harriet Beecher Stowe was then living in Cincinnati, and preparing for her "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Henry Ward Beecher was preaching in the Second Presbyterian church of Indianapolis. Lyman Beecher and his son, Edward Beecher, were in Illinois and Indiana, telling the story of the Christian College, and starting the movement that

culminated in the Iowa College at Grinnell, Tabor College, and the Denmark Academy. Under these influences my father and mother went to Anamosa, in Jones County, and in the Spring of 1856, to Magnolia.

My earliest recollections have to do with the burning of my father's house in Magnolia, and the chill of being dropped down in the snow in the dark of a February night. Then I remember the sound of the fife and drum, and the starting of the soldier boys. I was six years of age when Lincoln was assassinated, and I well remember the neighbor who opened my father's door and exclaimed: "Abraham Lincoln has been shot!" It was as if an eclipse had passed over the sun. I did not understand the tears and grief, but I felt that the whole world was coming to an end. Magnolia was so remote that, although Mr. Lincoln was shot on Friday night, the news did not reach Magnolia until Sunday. All the people rushed to the church, and I remember the minister's grief, the people's sobs and tears, and especially the terror of certain women whose husbands were at "the front."

THE OLD MAGNOLIA HIGH SCHOOL

I was twelve years of age when the old high school was completed. At the time, it seemed to me like a marvel of art and architecture. Before my imagination Professor Hornby stood forth as the embodiment of all human wisdom. For a little time I revered this principal as Thomas Hughes and Arthur Stanley revered the great Arnold of Rugby. I well remember the day when Almor Stern won a prize in the senior class. On the same day Emma Day gave a recitation of "Enoch Arden." If my memory is correct, it would have taken a half dozen Charlotte Cushmans to have equalled one such effort. In my own class, my rival was David Main, one of the purest, kindest, bravest boys who ever lived. It was in the old school house that I was initiated into the mysteries of Latin and Greek, and I recall the hours I gave as a boy of sixteen to Caesar's Commentaries and Xenophon's Retreat of the Ten Thousand. I was the youngest member of the class in Latin and Greek, and was working with students who were three and four years older than myself. But the number of physicians, lawyers, teachers, missionaries, that came out of the old Magnolia high school indicates that the old town grew professional people as naturally as the farms grew corn and wheat.

NEWELL DWIGHT HILLIS, Author of

"Great Books as Life-Teacher". Studies of character, real and ideal, 12 mo., cloth, gilt top, Fourteenth Edition.

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MISS HESTER ABBIE HILLIS

I was but five years of age when my sister Hester entered Iowa College. Prior to that September, the institution had never opened its doors to women. I have been told that there was something of dismay in the minds of the faculty and trustees, when my sister's application was received. At the end of her second year in Grinnell, one of the members of the faculty came out to Magnolia, to preach, and to find students for the college. Doctor Magoun preached in the little Congregational Church. The great educator was in his prime. He had a voice that boomed like the roll of artillery and yet, at the same time, it lingered in my ears like the sound of sweet flutes. His sermon was on the Pilgrim's Progress. In retrospect it seems to me more like a lecture than a sermon. At the close of his argument he appealed to the families to erect a high school building and develop an academy as a feeder to the college at Grinnell. I am not sure that it was not one of the earliest impulses that came to me for the higher education. From that time, for years, some one of the family was always a student in Iowa College. My sister Hester graduated in the class of 1866. My sister Frances in the class of 1868; my sister Mary died before completing her studies in 1870. The house was always full of books; the conversation always had to do with Grinnell and Tabor and the higher education. Later, my brother went to the Iowa State University, and another sister to a women's college in Illinois. But the great intellectual in my life was that of my father and mother. Winter and summer my father was always up at five o'clock. About 1868 he passed under the influence of Albert Barnes, of Philadelphia. Doctor Barnes had just been tried for heresy, and his book on the Evidences of Christianity, his volumes of sermons and his commentaries exerted a profound influence upon my father. He was never interested in the little things of life. I have never known a man who was so detached from the world in which he lived. He lived in the realm of dreams, visions, and ideals. He was hardly interested sufficiently in the world of things and politics to much care how events went. My mother's influence was not less potent. I strained my eyes by my study of Latin and Greek by lamp-light in the early morning. During one winter my mother read to me practically every page in which I was interested. I used to go though the paper and mark the article that I wanted to hear and my mother read it to me. Since those far off days in the old Magnolia high school I have seen many cities and countries, and studied and lingered in many libraries, colleges and universities. I owe an immeasurable debt to certain great books, to noble authors and educators. But my chief intellectual debt is to my father and mother and sisters and to the old friends and students in the old Magnolia high school. For neither time nor events have ever lessened my conviction that the scholar is the favorite

child of heaven and earth and that the old book, and the old scenes, and the old friends are the richest gifts that God has vouchsafed to me in my earthly career.

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Hon. Charles W. Hunt
Will L. Clark
1915

Early Township History



Sorghum was raised in this area and many farms had their own press.

GRASSHOPPER PLAGUE

In 1857 Magnolia and her surrounding lands were a beautiful sight for the early settlers, with its lush, tall native grasses, the beauty of the Willow River and its bottom lands, and the groves of native timber. At this time only small amounts of sod had been turned, mostly for patches of corn and gardens. Nature had been kind to the settlers, and then, on August 23, the grasshoppers appeared. They covered fences, buildings and cropland, eating on everything they came to. They ate, laid their eggs, and by late fall all had died, only to appear again in the spring as they hatched from the eggs. They were a scourge to every settler in the township. In July they died, or just left.

For nine years the area was free of the grasshoppers, then they appeared again on August 27, 1867. They came by the thousands. By this time, many more acres had been plowed. Fields were larger and full of corn. Beautiful fields of wheat promised a good harvest. In a few days everything would be eaten by those "hoppers". After eating what seemed to be "their fill," they would lay their eggs and then in the late fall would die. The following year they hatched out by the thousands, destroyed acres of crops again, and then for no reason took leave of this area in midday, not to show again until five years later.



A horse drawn corn cultivator.

Again, in the month of August, 1873, they came like a black cloud reaching down to the ground, destroying everything they came upon, then laying their eggs and taking leave. It was all over in about twenty days.

The following spring, where one "hopper" had been the year before, now there was ten. Many wells around Magnolia were filled with the grasshoppers, causing a terrible stench. Many settlers had to haul their water from neighbors or from unpolluted streams. Many times the "hoppers" had caused the settlers the terrible hardships of not having enough food for the winter and no crop to harvest and sell. Many tried to protect their crops by digging trenches around their fields and ever-so-many feet would dig a deep hole. When the "hoppers" followed the trenches and fell into the holes, the settlers would then burn them or cover the holes with dirt. Many tried to burn them by scattering staw or hay and setting fire to it. Many used large dustpans or troughs made of wood, pouring kerosene into it and dragging it with a rope along where the hoppers were. They would soon die after touching the kerosene.



Mowing sudan grass with horse drawn equipment.

Each year from 1873 to July, 1877, the settlers were plagued with the grasshoppers. By 1876 they had learned of different ways to destroy many of them, mostly by trench, torch, and their large wooden dustpans. Then on July 20, 1877, the grasshoppers left for the last time, going southward. It is said the sky was darkened by the "hoppers" leaving each day for close to two weeks. They never returned to this area until the 1930's.

In the 1930's the grasshoppers came back. In some areas they were quite bad. This time the farmers controlled them by using poisoned bran, spreading it around the outside of fields, either by hand (using wet mash with poison added on it) or by using end-gate seeders. This lasted about two years and then most of the grasshoppers had died or left the

area. The grasshopper was noted for eating many things other than crops-shovel handles, leather harnesses, ropes, or almost anything that was left out.

Now the grasshoppers are no longer a threat to the people who farm the land as they can easily be controlled by the use of insecticides.

HARDSHIPS OF EARLY SETTLERS

When the early settlers came to this area, many hardships were put upon them. Building their homes, clearing the land, having drouth or insects destroy their crops, and living through many hard winters, tested their endurance.

Sometimes they had barely enough food for their families. Perhaps the strength of their faith in God and hard work helped them to get through the many difficult times. Often there were injuries and illnesses. Settlers rarely had a doctor to rely on for help.

The first settlers came in 1850, while the doctor came in 1853. There were times when the doctor could not be reached when needed as his practice covered many miles in the community. Many people relied on home remedies. It has been said that some of these remedies would greatly soothe and help the illness, while some did not help but would ease the minds of the sick.

Gastrointestinal infection affected both adults and children and was usually treated with sulphur and molasses, amounts being prescribed by a doctor. Broken bones were usually set by a doctor, while lesser injuries were treated at home. Often deep cuts made by a knife or an axe were stitched shut, by the woman of the house, with a sharp needle which had been threaded with a hair from the tail of a horse. The horse hair was first put into boiling water to clean it and to make it more pliable for use.

Perhaps the most dreaded of all sicknesses was the flu epidemic. It is believed that "flu" first came into this country by means of immigrants. In this area the flu began in the fall of 1889 and subsided in the late spring of 1890. Many who survived the flu, while still weak would then be taken with pneumonia. Magnolia and the surrounding area carried the heavy burden of sorrow. In the true pioneer spirit of her people, they shared in the task of burying their dead and consoling one another in their grief, none knowing at that time that 28 years later the community would be again stricken with another flu epidemic.

It started in January, 1918, and subsided in the spring. Many communities at that time escaped the dreaded sickness, but it returned in the fall and Magnolia, after 28 years, again had many of its people stricken. Complications were bronchitis or pneumonia. By October the flu had taken its toll, many were dead or seriously ill in the community. Public buildings were closed, only the stores were kept open for people who needed supplies. There were to be no public gatherings and people were asked not to attend the funerals. Children and persons under 18 were not allowed on the streets, schools were closed, and many did not attend church. This had been so ordered by the 18th day of October, 1918.

Perhaps it can be written that even the winds mourned as they passed through the majestic trees. At a time of such sorrow, the people's faith in God let them endure the loss of their loved ones. As spring came, so did the epidemic cease. It was the last epidemic Magnolia and her people have had to endure. Those taken from their families have never been forgotten. God has granted them rest with everlasting peace!

Early Magnolia History



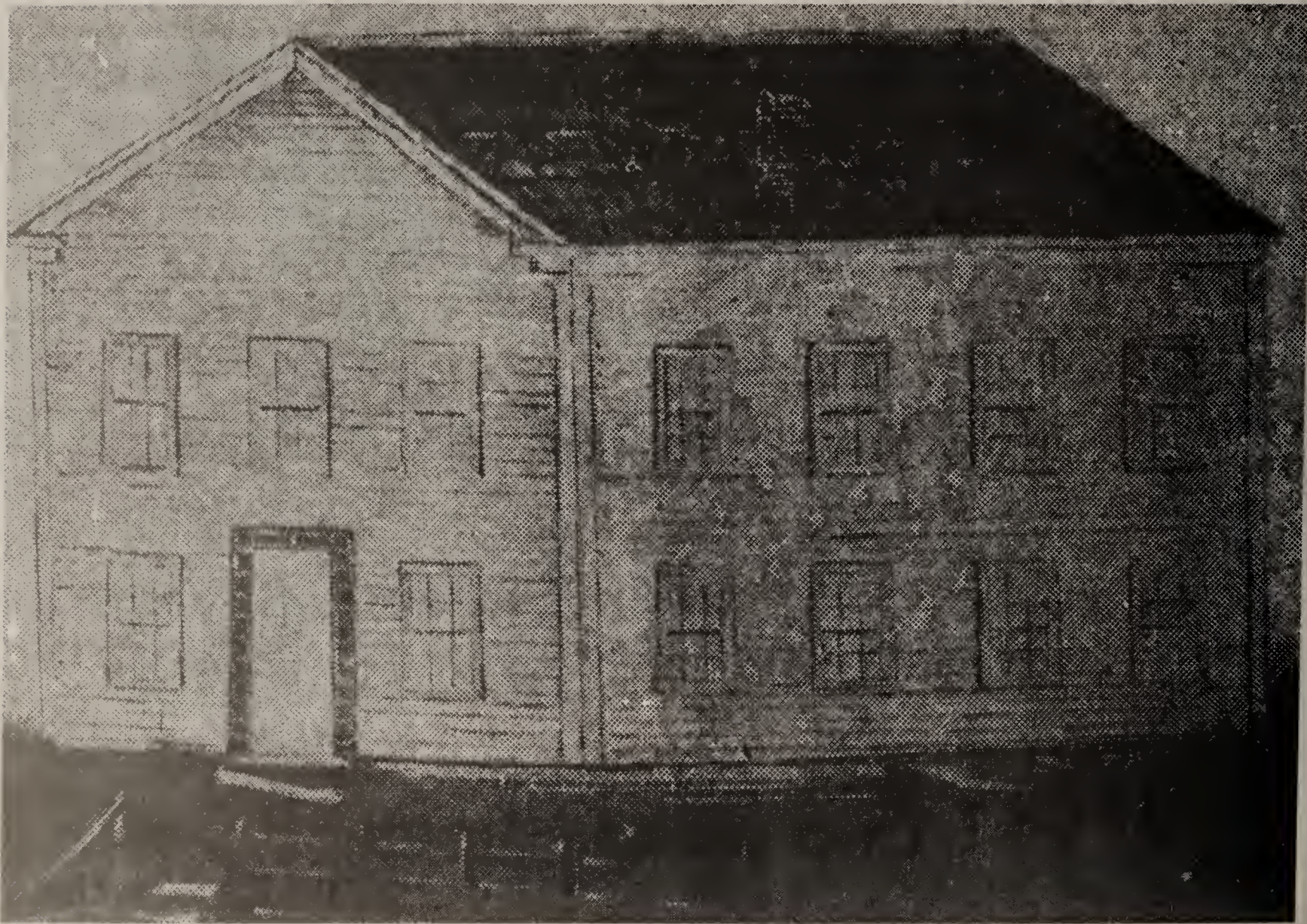
This picture was taken in the early 1900's. The brick building on the corner was the Stuart Pharmacy. Johnny Benson, standing in front, was a jeweler and repaired watches. This building is now the Niles Grocery. The frame building next door was a novelty store operated by

J.F. McDowell (also later by Bertha Leach.) In 1916 a new brick building replaced it and was a movie theater; dances and roller skating were also held there. Later Mr. Stuart moved his drug store there.



A view of North Park Street before the streets were graveled.

Early Magnolia Courthouses



This was Harrison County's first Court House.



This two story, brick structure was the second seat of justice in the County.

In this, our Country's Bicentennial year, the town of Magnolia is 123 years old. It was platted in 1853 and named for the fragrant Magnolia flower of the south.

It is the oldest town in Harrison County and was the county seat until 1876, when after much controversy, a measure was approved to move the seat of government to Logan.

The measure carried by only three votes, gave Magnolia the lasting importance, historically, of being the county's first seat of justice.

A brick building, constructed in 1873 was the second court house built during the twenty three years that Magnolia was the county seat. The first was a frame structure which burned. The new court house was last used by the county in 1876, just 100 years ago, when the records were all transferred to Logan.

The two story building was purchased by the Methodists in 1878 and was used as both a church and parsonage until a house could be built next door. It was later converted to a church with a tower and bell added.

Many years later, the Methodist Church was relocated to the Evangelical Church. The building was then sold to the American Legion and since has been used by the Legion and Auxiliary and for other community activities.



Magnolia was named for the "fragrant flower of the south."

Magnolia Firsts

In reading the history of the county it is interesting to learn that Magnolia, the oldest town, was the first in many things.

The first Post Office was established in 1853 with P. G. Cooper as postmaster. Richard Humphrey received his appointment in 1855. Mail was brought from Council Bluffs. In 1858 Magnolia was a stage coach center.

The first Methodist, Catholic, Congregational, German Evangelical, German Lutheran, and Latter-day Saints Churches were established in Magnolia.

The first district school, known as the Cutler School, was built of upright boards with hewed logs for benches and oiled paper windows for light. The first high school was erected in 1869-1870 at a cost of \$8,000. It was used for 45 years from 1870 to 1915 when a brick high school was built at a cost of \$35,000. In 1953 a new gymnasium was added.

The first newspaper, the Harrison County Flag printed in Calhoun, was moved to Magnolia after only three issues. The Magnolia Republican and the Magnolia Sun were printed in 1870 and 1876.

The county's first Masonic Lodge was organized in 1858. Meetings were held in the upper story of the Dewell building erected in 1856. The lodge celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1958.

The first doctor was Libbeus Coons, famous for his home made remedies with speedy results, depending on the vitality of the patient. The first licensed physicians were Dr. Robert McGavern and Dr. J.H. Rice.

Orville Allen came to Raglan twp. as its first settler in 1849. Allen Creek was named for him. A mill was started but there wasn't enough water to power it.

The first District Court session was held at the court house in Magnolia in 1855 with Judge S. H. Riddle presiding. Dick Humphrey was the first attorney.

The first assessment was made by Bill Cooper, deputy Treasurer under P. G. Cooper, Treasurer. He collected the tax when he made the assessment, if you had the money.

The first marriage license was granted to John Jones and Elizabeth Outhouse. Judge Steven King officiated.

H. C. Harshbarger of Magnolia was the first citizen of the county to enlist in the Union Army.



Helen Said is shown with her two Magnolia trees which attract many sightseers in the spring.

The first county Fair was held at Magnolia in 1858. Objects of interest were products of the soil and barnyard, homemade wares and articles. Sports of horse and foot racing furnished amusement.

In 1854 the first mill was established on the Willow River near Magnolia by Jonas Chatburn and Steven Mahoney. It ground corn and wheat and sawed lumber and was propelled by water of the river.

James Hardy gave Magnolia a tract of land for the Magnolia Cemetery in 1853.

With the organization of the town all trades and business places were started-- general stores, dry goods and clothing, millinery, jewelry and furniture, abstract offices, cheese factory and in later years the Magnolia Savings Bank added a touch of development to the community.

A traveler on horseback in those days might have his horse shod at one of the blacksmith shops while he ate at Mrs. Barnett's boarding house; or stayed the night after a merry evening and "right good cheer" within the walls of the Bates House. He might even visit the village artist and have his daguerreotype taken as a surprise for his folks at home.

Many residents of the county might remember Magnolia as it was described in the following newspaper clipping printed in 1913:

Magnolia is now a better town than ever in which to come and live and do your trading. All lines of business are represented, and prices and accommodations all favor the buyer. Banking accommodations are unsurpassed. Many from the surrounding territory will avail themselves next year of our school facilities by buying and building in Magnolia. One of the largest and best department stores in the county, an excellent hardware and stove stock, a complete line of drugs with books, paints and wallpaper, a grocery and racket store with full line of holiday goods, barber shop with bathroom fitted in modern style, one of the best garages anywhere always stocked with supplies and accessories, two hotels, two barns, blacksmith shop, harness shop, tailor shop, moving pictures, meat market and lunch goods were available. The town of Magnolia also had one of the best banks anywhere, watchmaker, shoe repairing, all trades represented, Masonic and Odd Fellows

lodges in their own halls, Modern Woodmen. Homesteaders, Yeoman lodges, six church buildings with regular services, two mails a day each way, motor freight trucks, auto livery and 24 hour electric light and power service. The Magnolia creamery has been operated continuously for upwards of 18 years and pay the best price for butterfat that can be obtained anywhere. Our people are noted for the

hospitality, and conditions of health and cheap living abound. Eight covered comfortable spring wagons convey the pupils from the surrounding territory to our excellent schools and in the spring a \$35,000 school building will be built where domestic science, the high school, and manual training as well as all grades of learning will be taught.

THE TOWN PUMP

The town pump in Magnolia has played an important part in the town's history. As near as can be determined it was established in 1907. The well was dug by Jeff Haner.

The pump with its iron pipe railing and flag pole, stands in the center of the square on Main Street. Its most important function was to provide water to the community. Its central location made it handy for the merchants in the early days and the residents, not having private wells. Farmers coming to town to do their trading would water their horses there.

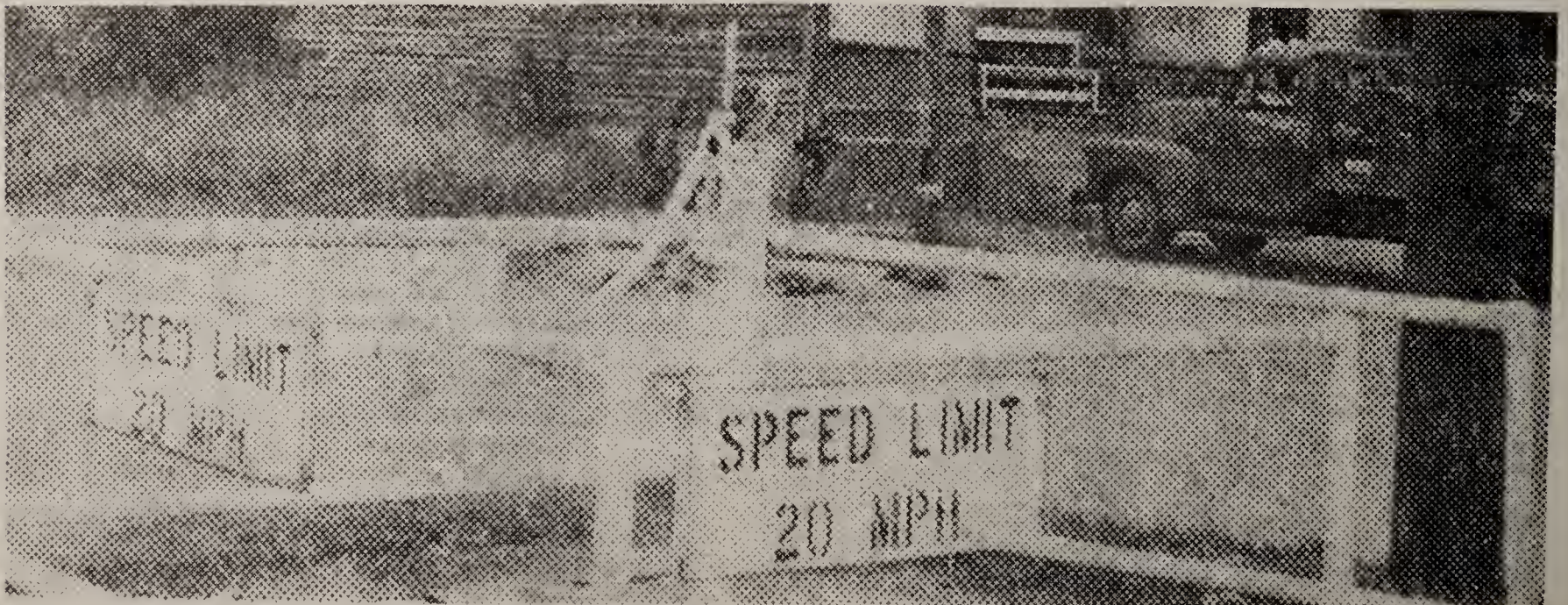
On Memorial Day the pump in the square was the gathering place for the program and the flag raising ceremonies, and the beginning of the parade to the cemetery led by the town band.

It is most certain that any directions given to strangers in the vicinity of Magnolia would include the town pump as a starting or turning point.

Since the advent of city water in Magnolia the pump has lost much of its usefulness, but it will be kept in condition and will remain as a landmark and one of Iowa's vanishing scenes. •



The late Charlie Cutler, demonstrated that the Town Pump still provided water for those willing to work for it.



The Town Pump as it looked in 1957.

Early Days

In its early days Magnolia was so remote it was at least 1000 miles from a railroad and there were no telephone or telegraph lines within the state at that time.

Iowa land was selling for \$1.25 an acre; Council Bluffs was a small hamlet called Kaneshville; Sioux City was scarcely more than an Indian trading post and Des Moines was a small cluster of cabins known as Fort Des Moines. This was western Iowa when Magnolia had its birth and became "the little city on the hill."

So wrote Blanche Sly, wife of John Sly, a professor in the old Magnolia High School.

As a commercial and civic center Magnolia was full of promise. It was in the very heart of Harrison County and soon became a lively frontier town, the hub of activity and directing the affairs of the county.

The shrewd godfathers of the little village had made no mistake when they selected this centrally located, thickly wooded and well drained tract for the seat of justice and government of Harrison County.

Within a few years Magnolia had over 300 inhabitants who enjoyed the privileges of a growing town, enduring the many hardships which Western Iowa offered to her sturdy and self-reliant children during this middle period of the West.

So, who could foresee that within a few years, by 1886--the Chicago Northwestern Railroad would lay its tracks across the state in such a way as to miss Magnolia altogether. This was a death blow to commercial expansion and activity.

Of course, all of this did not happen at once or come about without a struggle. Many hot contests raged between Magnolia, Calhoun, Missouri Valley, and Logan. As a consequence came the ultimate transfer of the courthouse to Logan.

Magnolia had reached her prime--the apex of her growth so it would seem, but contrary to all expectations, such was not the case. It continued to thrive for many years, keeping abreast of the modern times; and with the advent of the automobile, the six or seven miles to a railroad became a negligible distance.

AILMENTS AND HOME REMEDIES

Croup--Mix one tsp. alum mixed well with two tsp. sugar.

Poison Ivy or Poison Oak--Wash first with two tsp. saleratus (baking soda) mixed in one pint of water. Then apply cloths wet with extract of homammellis. Take a dose of Epsom salts internally.

Burns and scalds--Put two Tbsps. saleratus (baking soda) in ½ cup of water. Wet a piece of linen cloth in the solution and lay it on the burn. The pain will quickly disappear. If the burn is so deep that the skin has peeled off, apply dry soda directly on burn.

Cuts--To control the bleeding, apply unglazed brown wrapping paper on cut.

Cold on the chest--Take a piece of flannel, dip it in boiling water and sprinkle with turpentine. Apply to chest.

Chilblains--For unbroken chilblains, mix six ounces camphor-water; hydrocyanic acid, diluted, 30 drops; hydrochloric acid, diluted, one-quarter ounce. One application will cure mild chilblains. Remedy is deadly poison and should best be kept under lock and key.

Cure for bee or wasp sting--Mix earth and water to make mud and apply at once.

Toothache--Two drachms powdered alum; seven drachms of nitrous spirit of ether; mix and apply to the tooth.

Choking--A piece of food lodged in the throat, may be removed with a hairpin straightened and hooked at the end; or be pushed down with the fingers or by two or three vigorous blows on the back between the shoulders.

Colic or wind or gas in the stomach--For infants, drop five grains of oil of aniseed and two of peppermint on half an ounce of lump sugar. Rub it in a mortar with a drachm of magnesia, making a fine powder. A small quantity of this in a little water will always benefit an infant in pain.

Diarrhea--Any form of diarrhea demands a speedy correction. For all ages take 10 to 30 drops of tincture of kino, mixed with a little sugar and water in a spoon. It is to be taken every two or three hours until the action has been checked. Often changing the diet from animal for vegetable will help, or vice versa, or a diet to rice, milk and eggs.

Catarrh--Smoke crushed cubeb berries in a pipe. A month's use will cure the worst cases. Eating the uncrushed berries is very good for sore throat, asthma and all bronchial complaint. Will make the most foul breath pure and sweet. After smoking, do not expose yourself to cold air for at least 15 minutes.

Bites of dogs--If the dog is suspected to be with a madness, burn out wound or bite thoroughly with a red-hot iron. Or with lunar caustic for eight seconds. The part touched with the caustic will be expected to turn black. Lose no time in treating wound.

Measles and scarletina--If possible, call a doctor in. In mean time, a dessertspoonful of spirit of nitre diluted in water, given at bedtime, will throw the child into a gentle perspiration and will bring the rash out. If measles, rash appears first on the face; if scarletina, rash will appear first on chest. If scarletina, tartar-emetic powder or ipecacuanha may be given.

For constipation--For children one or two figs eaten fastly. A spoon of wheaten bran in a glass of water is also a simple remedy.

Leanness--Is caused generally by lack of power in the digestive organs to digest and assimilate the fat-producing elements of food. First restore digestion, take plenty of sleep, drink all the water the stomach will bear in the morning on rising, take moderate exercise in the open air, eat oatmeal, cracked wheat, graham mush, baked sweet apples, roasted and broiled beef, cultivate jolly people and bathe daily.

Superfluous hairs--Spread on a piece of leather, equal parts of garbanum and pitch plaster. Put it on the hairs for three or four minutes, then remove it with hairs, branch and roots. This is severe, but effective. If sore, rub on sweet oil.

To stop bleeding--A handful of flour bound on the cut.

Sore throat--Simmer slices of fat bacon or salt pork in vinegar for a few moments. Apply to the throat as hot as possible. When relieved, remove treatment and put warm flannel on throat. Also excellent is to gargle equal parts of borax and alum, dissolved in water.

Cure for colds--Boil 2 oz. of flaxseed in one quart of water; strain and add 2 oz. rock candy; ½ pint of honey, juice of three lemons, mix and let all boil well. Let cool and bottle. Dose: One cupful on going to bed, one-half cup full before meals. The hotter you drink it the better.

Boils--Take the skin of a boiled egg, wet it and apply to the boil. It will draw out the matter and relieve soreness in a few hours.

Fever and Ague--Four ounces galangal-root in a quart of gin, steeped in a warm place; take often.

The Churches of Magnolia



The Magnolia Zion Lutheran Church is the oldest Lutheran Church in the County.

HISTORY OF ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Several years before 1872, Pastor T. Mertens, living at Fort Dodge, came to Magnolia as a circuit rider, looking up Lutheran families and holding services in their homes. In 1872 the territory was given over to Pastor G. Haar, who came from Denison to hold services. Under Pastor Haar, Zion Lutheran Church of Magnolia was organized in 1872 with eight members, Carl Michael, Friedrich Michael, Friedrich Harder, Friedrich Ehlert, Wilhelm Muether, Friedrich Bandlow, Carl Ploth, and Heinrich Unmach.

In 1877 the congregation purchased the present church site, a square block with a residence. This residence was the dwelling place of Pastor Mallon, also being the church in which services were held and the children were instructed.

In 1883 a new church building was constructed, 26 x 46 feet, at a cost of \$1,600. It was dedicated in November of 1884. This part of the church is still used. A Bible, perhaps the first one, was purchased on January 3, 1888, and the following year an organ was purchased for the church. In 1892 a school was built for the Christian education of the children of the congregation. In 1909 a new era began for the church when it was resolved to begin some English work. Up to this year, all services and instruction had been in the German Language. English services were approved to be held on every last Sunday of the month. A new parsonage was built this same year and the old one was sold.

In 1918 the Ladies Aid was started, meetings being held in homes. In 1922 the church tower and bell weighing 1,500 lbs. were added to the church. In 1926 the present parish hall was built. In 1928 the Walther League was started for the young people. New Art Glass windows were put in the church in 1930. In 1948 the 100 ft. street north of the parsonage was purchased from the town of Magnolia to be used as a parking lot.

On August 3, 1947, the church celebrated its 75th anniversary at which a special collection was given toward the purchase of an electric organ for the church. In '48

adult Bible Class was started. In '51 the electric organ was purchased, a Men's Club organized, and Sunday School moved to the Parish Hall. In 1954 a new entrance was built on the west of the hall.

Theor. A. Iverson, candidate from Concordia, St. Louis, was ordained and installed at Magnolia on Sunday, July 27, 1958.

A new set of altar cloths were constructed by the ladies of the altar committee and put into service in 1959.

In 1961 a dual parish was formed between Zion of Magnolia and Immanuel of Logan. On November 28, 1962, the first combined Thanksgiving Day Service was held with 202 attending and on January 1, 1963, the first combined Communion was held.

It might be interesting to note that the minutes of March 23, 1877, show that all members were held to subscribe the amount of money, wood, corn, oats and hay which they intended to give toward the pastor's living for the year.

Ref. A. M. Fyrando, Logan Observer, 1905; Zion Lutheran History Book.

HISTORY OF THE RLDS CHURCH

The Latter-day Saints began their worship as early as 1865, meeting in the home of Stephen Mahoney, then in school houses. In 1870 a branch organization was formed. The church building was erected in 1874 and was dedicated in November of that year by Pres. Joseph Smith. Elder Forscutt did much of the early proselyting here. Phineas Cadwell was president of the church from 1870 to 1887. Elders Derry and Manle served one year. In December, 1888, A.M. Fyrando was chosen president.

Early pioneers of this church were Geo. Blackman, Stephen Mahoney, Richard Chatburn, Donald Maule, Lucius Merchant, A.W. Locklin, P.R. Shupe, P. Cadwell, Judges Harvey and Chatburn, Caleb Streeter, Woodbury Alexander, J.W. Adams, W.T. Fallon, and families.

Some of the early missionaries were Chas. Derry, Magnus Fyrando, J. F. Mintun, J. F. McDowell, Geo. Montague, D.R. Chambers, A. M. Fyrando, and J.R. Lambert.

At one time this church had a membership of 290; branches were soon established at Logan and Woodbine resulting in its membership decreasing to 180. They had active organizations for men, women, and children. Because of the building of better roads, faster transportation, and other branches around the area, membership continued to decline.

The wife of Judge Chatburn donated the lots on which the church stood.

In 1962 the church closed its door, ending almost a century's worship of this society in Magnolia. It was the oldest of its society in the county.

The church building was later sold; the owner remodeled it into apartments. The building itself is 102 years old, a monument to the sturdy work of early craftsmen.

When the church building was erected, it stood north and south, and was later "turned" to face east and west. In the days of the horse and buggy, there were posts on the north side of the church connected with chain where at least 20 teams could be hitched.



A Congregational Church picnic in about 1887.



Congregational Ladies Aid (Left to Right) Mrs. John Dewell, Mrs. Wade, Bertha Leach, Mrs. Minnie Morris, Mrs. Elsie Hansen, Mrs. John Kilts, Mrs. Phoebe Gilkerson, Mrs. Nieman, Mrs. Jennie Lawrence, and Mrs. Vesta Patterson.



Congregational Ladies Aid (Left to Right) Mrs. Eva Lawrence, Mrs. Brandt, Mrs. Jennie Lawrence, Mrs. Freymuller, Mrs. Seeley, Mrs. W. B. Gilkerson, Mrs. Jim Benson; (back row) Mrs. Zora Brandt Smith, Mrs. Etta Goetsche, Mrs. Anna Kilts, and Mrs. Holland Wade.

HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The first church building built in Magnolia was by the Congregational Society in the summer of 1859. The society was organized in April of 1855 with three members, Dr. J.H. Rice, John Danielson, and Rev. W. W. Ludden, the latter was said to have been a man of wide education and a brilliant orator. In the spring of 1856, Silas Rice and wife, S.E. Hillis and wife, Miss Julia Hopkins, and Mrs. Irish, a sister of Silas Rice, were added to the three before mentioned. This humble church beginning, an unpretending edifice of 1855, developed Beecher's successor in "our" Newell Dwight Hillis.

The church was dedicated in 1859, Rev. Jno. Todd, of Tabor, preaching the sermon. In 1876 a more elaborate church building was erected at a cost of \$3500. The

succession of pastors since Rev. Ludden have been Rev.'s King, Blach, Morley, Hayward, Sabin, Boardman, Brown, Miss Preston, Cameron, West, Mrs. Mullenix, and N.S. Lawrence.

In 1905 this church's membership was about 70, with 50 attending Sunday School.

At some point in the ensuing years, membership of this church dwindled, resulting in the closing of its doors approximately 55 years ago.

The parsonage was sold and later burned down in 1936.

The old-time "Chautauguas" were held in this church building for several years.

The church building itself was razed with some of the lumber recycled in the building of the house that is now the Ted Freymuller home.



The Congregational Church of Magnolia was located between the present Ardo McFee and Earl Blackburn properties.

the lumber for this new church came from a closed Catholic church building in Mineola, Iowa. The men from Magnolia's parish journeyed to Mineola, tore down the building, transported the lumber to Magnolia and rebuilt their church.

At some time in the church's history, its name changed from St. Calombskill to St. Bridget of Erin. No recorded church memory of this change can be found, only the written evidence of the two separate names in independent documents.

At one point in the church's history, services were only held once a month.

A few of their Fathers through the years have been Kelley, Dixiker, Hayes, O'Brien, Purcell, White, Murphy, Rice, Ligutti, O'Connor and Koch.

Rev. Msgr. Ligutti, Italian born, engineered the Homestead Project at Granger, Iowa. Eventually he was assigned to the Food and Argiculture Organization of the United Nations.

Father John O'Connor, a native of Kerry County, Ireland, probably served the longest pastorate. He came in 1946 and retired in 1970. Father John affectionately described his people as faithful, generous, and good to him.

Bishop Maurice J. Dingeman closed St. Bridget of Erin in August 1975. At that time there were 18 families in the parish. This closing ended 110 years of services at the church.

Father Wayne Gubbels was their last pastor. For the majority of the members of this parish, the closing of the church means attending at Logan.

Ref. A. M. Fyrando, Logan Observer 1905; Frances McFee.



St. Bridget's Catholic Church float as it appeared in the Centennial Parade in 1953.

ST. BRIDGET OF ERIN CATHOLIC CHURCH

In Magnolia the Roman Catholic friends worshipped according to their belief as early as 1865, formed an organization and built the St. Calombskill church. This church was built at a cost of \$1,300. Some of the names of the first Catholic families were McCauley, Wm. and Jas. Kennedy, Wm. Ferguson, Morrow, O'Connor, and Stuart. Theirs had the distinction of being the first Catholic Church in the county. One acre of land for the church building was donated by A. Hardy. They also have a beautiful cemetery.

This first church was destroyed by fire in 1935 and was rebuilt in May and June of that same year. This was during Msgr. Michael Kelliher's pastorate. This new church was dedicated on June 24, 1935. It is also interesting to note that



The Willow Valley Methodist Church was one of the early Churches of the County located Northeast of Magnolia on the Willow River.



The Magnolia United Methodist Church with a new addition to the South.

MAGNOLIA METHODIST CHURCH

Magnolia, the first town in Harrison County, Iowa, was platted 1853. Soon afterwards commenced the formation of the church societies, or classes to which they were then referred. The Magnolia Methodist Church, with its six members, was the second religious organization in the county. Harris Grove claims to have been the first, only by a few months difference.

During the years of 1853-54, this small group met in homes for their worship, under Rev. Tarkington. At variance with its pastor, it was soon discontinued. In the fall of 1855, the Methodist Episcopal Church was reorganized with Rev. Wm Scott, pastor, with the assistance of the conference. The itinerant pastor served all the county; this small band of about ten, until it numbered about fifty members. During the winter of 1864-65, under the leadership of Rev. Adair, a considerable revival was experienced with members added to the congregation.

In 1867, the first Methodist Church building in the county was completed at Magnolia. It was a little 32 by 50 foot well-planned frame building, costing about \$2,000, located in the west part of town.

About 1878, the Methodists purchased the Court House for their place of worship. About two years previously, the Court House had been moved to Logan. At this time, it was a two story building and services were held on the second floor.

Roads were poor and ministers scarce, so it was known as the Magnolia circuit. It was impossible to have services every Sunday. In 1897-98 the Magnolia Church was on a circuit which included Modale, Mondamin, Willow, and California Junction, with the minister living in Modale. In 1900 the first floor of the church was made into a parsonage and the Rev. D.M. Buchner was the first resident minister of the Magnolia circuit.

This arrangement lasted until 1910 when the early brick construction began to weaken, so the second floor of the church building was removed and the foundation strengthened, a new light plant installed and new stoves added. The first floor was then used as the sanctuary. This necessitated a new parsonage which was built just east of the church building. It was dedicated in 1911. In this home lived the minister and his family, always serving various places.



The Magnolia Courthouse was renovated and used as the Methodist Church for many years.

January 8, 1918. Had a great chivaree downtown last evening. Will Haratt, Charlie Cutler, Mark Seeley, Ralph Giddings, all recently married and all to town for the first time since. Seeley came in his car and George Benson crawled under the car and let out the gasoline.

Thursday, January 8, 1925. J. C. Kilts harvested 124 loads of ice for his market business. The best ice in many years.

The Jolly Makers club was originally named the Merry Makers Club.

parsonage was sold to Virdon E. Moore about the same time.

In 1968 the Methodist Church conference and the Evangelical United Brethren Church conference merged into one church and were renamed the United Methodist Church.

In 1972 a 24 x 24 addition was added to the south which houses Sunday School rooms, kitchen and two bathrooms.

For many years the circuit included the Willow Church, a country church in the northern part of the township, Mann School House, and Olympus School House.

As road conditions improved and travel made easier, these country churches gradually diminished in membership and it was transferred to surrounding churches. The Willow Church was sold and dismantled. After this, the Magnolia Circuit included Magnolia, Modale, and Mondamin.

In September 1942 there was a shortage of ministers and the financial conditions were such that the Logan and Magnolia churches were placed on a charge. The parsonage was then maintained at Logan. For the first time since 1900, Magnolia had not a resident pastor. The Rev. George Dimmitt was the first pastor under this new arrangement.

In the year 1949 another change was made. By agreement with the Methodist conference and the Evangelical United Brethren Conference, the Methodist Church purchased the Evangelical United Brethren building and many of its members united with the Methodist Church.

Later, a basement was excavated, the men from both congregations providing the labor. This had been used for a kitchen and Sunday School rooms.

The former brick building church was sold to the American Legion, O-Hara-Seeley Post, in 1951. The

On February 5, 1938, the P.T.A. of the Magnolia School sponsored "The Womanless Wedding." Nearly all the men of the community took part. It was a hilarious comedy performance.

The Harrison County News carries an article showing that the average income of Harrison County farmers for the year 1924 was \$3,551. Did you get yours?

The first Harrison County fair was held at Magnolia in 1858 and for eight years afterwards, on the old courthouse grounds in Magnolia. Some of the premiums awarded were: Best braided straw hat, best pair of horses, best vegetables, best horse back rider, best stallion, best pair of two year old steers, best plowing, best seed corn, best butter, best cheese, best stockings, and best embroidery.



The congregation of the Evangelical Church outside of what is now the Howard Niles home. Rev. and Mrs. Beckman and Caroline, Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. and Elizabeth Steffon Unmack, Mr. and Mrs. William Ganzhorn and children, Fred Reinhart, Nellie Reinhart, Mr. and Mrs. John Niece, Mr. and Mrs. John Hanneman, Bertha

Hanneman Stirtz, John Hanneman Junior, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hanneman, Linnie Hanneman, Etta Hanneman Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. William Vogel, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Niece, Catherine Hanneman Stirtz, Mr. and Mrs. John Steffon, Mr. and Mrs. William Gilkerson, Harry Lawrence, and Helen Said.

GERMAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH HISTORY

In 1858 the German Evangelical association was formed with such sturdy timber as Henry Hanneman, Geo. Niece, F.W. Casper and Jr. R. Hauff, Peter Smith, Henry Korentz, Geo. Lennert and their families, many of whom still reside as honored members of our vicinity.

In 1867 they erected a home at a cost of \$1200. Their shepherds have been Rev's. Schuerer, Klemsorge, Beener, Bunse, Schrieber, Rall, Kohl, Gruener, Stellerecht, Wittie,

Pflaum, Buente, Zellhoefer, Koehn, now with us living a retired life, Reeps, Raecker, Ballow, Dewart, Methfessel, and the present pastor, Mr. Schmidt. They had a parsonage erected in 1870. They are the only organization of the kind in the county.

This congregation continued until 1949 when it merged with the Magnolia Methodist church, with the Methodist church purchasing the Evangelical church building.

Education In Magnolia

MAGNOLIA SCHOOLS

According to the early histories of the county, "Magnolia has always been an educational center. . .the schools have always been fully up to the standard. Good buildings have been provided and the best instructors employed." The earliest schools were taught in private homes. The pioneer school house in this portion of the county was taught in the summer of 1852 in a log cabin, on the farm then owned by W. E. Cutler and across the road from where, in 1885, he built the barn which is still standing. The teacher was Susan Streeter (Mrs. W. Alexander of Raglan Township.) The first district school building was erected in this township in 1853 by John Thompson. It stood somewhat south of the pioneer school, about 2 miles south of the site of Magnolia and near the residence of C. I. Cutler. It was a hewed-log house, and in its day was considered a model of neatness and comfort. The builders really put on fine

touches, for a good plank floor was provided instead of dirt or puncheon. What lumber there was used was drawn by oxen from Reel's Mill, near Crescent City on the Pigeon River, in Pottawattamie County, having to "raft the Boyer and swim the cattle both going and returning." The school was completed in the spring of 1854. During the winter months of 1853-54, the Hon. Tom B. Neeley, who in '54 was elected prosecuting attorney, taught the Magnolia School which was in a log cabin about fifteen rods from the old Bates House (reported as now being the residence of Maude Murphy). It is related that Mr. Neeley understood the "threshing machine" part of teaching to perfection. It is also reported that the Magnolia School of 1854-55 was in a small building measuring 12 x 14 ft., later occupied by Almo Fyrando and in 1976 by the Harry Radloffs. It was built of upright boards for sides and had oiled paper windows for light. The benches were of hewed logs.

In 1858 the first general school building was provided. It was a poor "shack" of a house two stories high designed for



Students at the "Cutler School" just south of Magnolia.

a graded school and used for school purposes until 1866; however, the location of this building cannot be determined. Another school building which stood north of the Lutheran Church in the early 1900's is reported to have burned in, or about, 1905.

In 1869-70 the famous Magnolia High School building, sometimes called the Academy, was erected at the cost of \$8000. It was located in the northeastern part of town. It continued with grades through ten and prepared many of its graduates for "normal training" at the Woodbine Normal School. In the autumn of 1870, a Mr. Carr taught at the academy, and for the following springs. S.I. King, later an attorney at Logan, commenced teaching and continued until the fall of 1872, when Prof. J. D. Hornby assumed charge, remaining until the spring of 1878. These teachers received from \$800 to \$1,000 per year of ten months. Prof. W. O. Riddell was principal for two years succeeded by Prof. H. A. Kinney for four years, and Prof. Matter. These three later joined to organize the Normal School at Woodbine. Appropriate here is quote from Newell Dwight Hillis: Latin and Greek were taught in the old high school. The number of physicians, lawyers, teachers, missionaries, that came out of the old Magnolia High School indicates that the old town grew professional people as naturally as the farms grew corn and wheat.

In 1873 a measure was brought before the people by which it was designed to donate the building to the county for a county school, but the measure lost.

In 1890 the township had an enrollment of 252 pupils and the estimated value of school property, not including the High School at the village, was \$4,740. By 1891 Magnolia township was provided with eleven frame school buildings whose names will be remembered as Windy Ridge, Fairview, Star (Hauff), Plath, Huffman Creek, Silver Hill, Oak Grove, Cutler, Wood, Patton and Wheelock.

From the Magnolia High School graduated many people who became well known as lawyers, doctors, merchants,

and ministers, and whose descendants later attended the Magnolia Consolidated School. They may be named as follows: Attorneys at Law, Supreme Court Judge Thomas Arthur, Charles Bolter, John Engleman, Wm. Hayward, John Kine, Law P. Smith, Charles Wood, L. W. Fallon, and J. E. Ferguson. The following doctors attended this school: Frank Brainard, W. J. Brownrigg, Edgar Giddings, Thomas Hill, John Huff, Newton Rice, Fred Robbins, Frank Stevens, and Newton Silsby. Going into religious work were Newell Dwight Hillis of Brooklyn's "Plymouth Church"; George Main, missionary to China; Walter Mills, Chicago; John Newlin and Frank Mintun; as missionaries, Mrs. Myra Rice Case and Miss Nellie Prescott in Mexico, Laura Harding; Mattie Rice, who died in Mission, Mexico; Miss Hillis, who died in Ceylon; John Newlin, J. F. Mintun and others. In active business circles may be named: Thomas Arthur, Willis Stern, and William Wood, county officers; Charles Adair, Harry Giddings, and Gilbert Peyton, druggists; S. Berkley, Homer Craine, Mortimer Dally, Eli Houghton, George Kellogg, Edmund Maule, Charles Roberts, and Herbert Taylor, general merchants; also Almor Stern, David Main, and Leslie Sherman, loan agents; together with nearly fifty representative farmers of this county.

In 1914, the Magnolia Independent School District took out the eight new school wagons--comfortable rigs for the children to go to school in. The cost was \$168 each, plus freight. In the 1930's each driver furnished his own bus.

In the fall of 1915 and until the completion of the new building in February, 1916, high school classes were held in the G.A.R. Hall, bringing about the full transition of the high school from two to four years. The Magnolia Consolidated School erected in 1915, at an approximate cost of \$35,000, met all the requirements and maintained an accredited high school rating throughout the years.

The diary of Cornelia Oviatt (Mrs. A.N.) age 76, recorded almost daily progress of the building of the new



This photo was taken outside of the old school in the northeast part of Magnolia in 1906-1907. Among the students pictures are: Belle Benson Cress, Gertie Freymuller Michael, Francis Chambers Coffman, Harriet

Bolch Cutler, Hilda Radtke Maaske, Dewey and the late Henry Maaske, Hap Foland, Gladys Benson Seeley, Emma Goetsch Lebo, and Fred Radtke. F.F. Stover and Jennie Holden Lawrence were the teachers.

school house as viewed from her home, now the residence of the Richard Small family. From May 7, 1915, when "the music of the drill machinery in the new school ground, and the honk of the autos greeted our ears all day" she watched and recorded its progress, the grounds staked out, the well accepted with soft water at 410 ft. and the well tower pulled down on May 26; from three to seven teams scraping for the school cellar and on June 15, twenty teams on the road hauling great loads of cement, bricks, and sand. June 30, the concrete foundation was nearly all laid; July 2, the well was fixed up and water in abundance and work booming; July 17, well at school house failed. Awfully hard rains, real downpours, mud everywhere and water standing in every place that will hold water. Aug. 15, Wonderful; Sept. 25-29 school house is growing, good for a hundred years! Oct. 24 a glorious day, cars all the time to be seen, and great numbers of people visiting the new school building. Oct. 26-29, laying cement walks was the great occupation around the way to the school house. School, walks, and Dr. Hansen's house all progressing.

Jan. 4, 1916, flag pole at the school erected today. Feb. 9, school board met with the contractors today and probably accepted the school building. Monday, Feb. 14, 1916, school opened in the new building today. They have electric lights in the new school. Friday, Feb. 18, first basketball game in the new school house tonight; played Woodbine.

A. N. Oviatt raised his flag on the new school house, and Old Glory waved from the flag pole for the first time. Pa(Oviatt) and Mr. Kellog put it up and Pa took it down this

evening. In 1925 the school mortgage was paid off and burned at the graduation exercises.

November 24, 1916, Cornelia Oviatt recorded the following: On invitation of the W.R.C., ye scribe (Almo Fyrando) and wife attended school Monday afternoon when the Relief Corps presented our school with an 8 ft. wool bunting flag. The presentation speech was made by Mrs. Elishu Weed. The acceptance speech by Prof. Stokes, who spoke feelingly and instructively. "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "Star Spangled Banner" were sung by the pupils, teachers, and visitors. The flag was raised to its exalted position by veteran A. N Oviatt, and how we all cheered as it was going up. We reverently looked upon its clear, bright colors, as it unfurled to the breeze against the azure sky. Its red bars a token of bravery, with blood shed for our liberty. Its white of the pure patriotism of freedom forever, Its stars of states united, fixed as stars of the firmament. It has stood, now stands, and may it forever stand an ensign to the nations.

This new brick, two-story building accomodated eight elementary and four high school grades. The "cellar" described earlier was divided into a gymnasium, shop, furnace room, and restrooms. The first floor provided four large classrooms, each with cloakrooms, for elementary grades, and two smaller rooms, one used for a typing classroom and the other served as the superintendent's office, and a spacious hallway to accommodate pupils and visitors, while upstairs another hallway led to an assembly



A group outside of the Magnolia Academy in 1894.

room with adjoining science laboratory, also with cloakrooms, a large room equipped for home economics and another classroom with adjoining cloakroom. This was the "eighth grade home room" since grades 8 through 12 were departmentalized with the superintendent and high school faculty sharing the teaching load as well as extra-curricular activities. Teachers were hired for "music, art, and penmanship," English, history, domestic science, and "commercial" subjects. The superintendent usually taught physical education and science, sharing the teaching load with four or five teachers. By 1929 and the early 30's salaries had not improved greatly over the 1800's since the supply of teachers greatly exceeded the demand. The office typing and records were also included as part of the business teacher's job for a bonus of \$10 a month over the \$100 she received for each month of a nine month year. At this time a teacher could claim no private life, and she could be held to account for her outside activities. In her contract was stipulated "this contract shall be void should she marry during the term thereof." Inexperienced teachers were often willing to accept contracts for nominal pay in order to attain the "experience" qualifications. By 1945 salaries had doubled with regular yearly increases of \$10 a month until the 1950's. From then on for the past ten years the influence of Teachers' Committees on Salaries meeting with the Boards of Education, salaries have more adequately increased to keep pace with the inflationary trend of the nation.

In 1953, a bond issue of \$85,000 made possible the erection of an adjoining fine new gymnasium and the renovation of part of the existing building to meet the demands of a growing school community. It measures approximately 100

by 80 feet and was constructed with a buff tile exterior and a glazed buff tile interior. Laminated wooden arches and a paneled accoustical ceiling enhance the beauty of the auditorium. The playing floor is 45 by 80 feet, with permanent sideline seating to accommodate between 800 and 1,000 people. A 35 by 20 foot stage extends across one end of the building and beneath this are dressing and shower rooms. Paulson Construction Co. of Council Bluffs held the contract. The old gymnasium in the "cellar" was converted into the hot lunch room and kitchen, and room was made for additional classrooms.

A meaningful academic curriculum accompanied by a well-rounded athletic program prepared students for careers, college, and life. Music instruction, both vocal and instrumental; dramatics, including plays and declamation; publications consisting of a bi-monthly school newspaper and a yearly published annual, encouraged the development of talents and extra-curricular interests.

In the years immediately prior to 1962 many discussions, directives, and meetings were held in regard to complying to the demands of "re-organization." There seemed no choice except in the direction in which the community would go to combine with another school, and it was elected to go to Logan. The 1961-62 school year remained much the same in Magnolia, although Superintendent Morford, of Logan Schools, now was also responsible for Magnolia. In the fall of 1962, the division was made with high school students and teachers moving to Logan, leaving Magnolia for elementary students, which with yearly changes to accommodate the enrollment, has been the custom ever since, and "Lo-Ma", the Logan-Magnolia Community School District came into existence.



The graduating class of 1907 from the Old Magnolia High School. Grace Bedsaul is the first on the left.



Members of the student body of the Patton School in 1922. Front row: Maurice Patton, Kenneth Boyd, Eleanor (Soetmelk), Stella (Ganzhorn) O'Banion, Robert Peterson. Behind Maurice are Paul Ganzhorn and Donald Peterson. Back of Robert Peterson is Lloyd Ganzhorn. Back row: Carl Soetmelk, Harold Ehlert, Hilda (Ehlert) Cohrs, George Johnson, Hazel (Kruger), Paul Kruger, Ella (Ehlert) Hoffman, Walter Johnson, Elsie (Ehlert) Leonard, and Irwin Johnson.



The Class of 1897 held a reunion on Old Settlers Day, 1939, at the home of Mrs. Jennie Lawrence, who with Prof. J.D. Hornby and Prof. J.M. Ireland had been their teachers..



Students at the Willow Valley or Patton school in 1909. Front row: Edna (nelk) Tupper, Matie (Peterson) Miller, Joy (Patton) Atkins, Pete Johnson. Second row: Alfred Ehlert, Lulu (Patton) Seeley, Anna (Niemoller) Sands, Mabel (Ehlert), Chris Johnson, James Clausen. Third row: Lydia Niemoller, Ed Niemoller, Clarence Johnson, Ruth (Patton) Welch. Back row: Mary Niemoller, Olga (Johnson) Barry, Emma (Fischer) Grinnell, Carrie (Clausen) Driggs and Viola (Fischer) Liebers. Teacher was Edna Burress, not shown.



Willow Valley or Patton School.



A country school group.



A group of Magnolia students with Grace Bedsaul as their teacher.



A group of Magnolia students.



Taken during the 1915-16 school year of first and second grades. Teacher, Nettie McCann.

In 1932 a framed picture of Washington was presented to the school by J.D. Stuart. The picture still hangs in the Magnolia School.

1976-You can purchase a nickel ice cream cone at the Niles Grocery. Two different flavors in one cone for 10 cents!

March 25, 1918--Charlie Hannaman elected Mayor of Magnolia.

Eight freshly shelled corn cobs was used to make an angelfood cake in the old range. Start with a cold oven. When the corn cobs were all burned the cake was done to perfection!



John Brown with his bus and the kids from the Willow route. First row: Joe Teague, Edward Hauff, Bud Methers, Wilson Holben, Emily Holben, Edith Hauff, Barbara Tensmeyer, Smith, Harlan Block, and Bill Methers. Second

row: Ella Herman, Inez Lennert, Ed Methers, Francis Holben, Howard Holben, Smith, Charlotte Herman, Bernadine Lennert, Leota Vanderpoole, and Lillian Methers.



Hap Foland and his schoolbus in the 1930's.



The new Magnolia High School building as it looked upon completion. The structure to the left was the bell tower.

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Magnolia basketball team coached by John Fellows. Front row: Harold McLaughlin, Virgil (Bud) Ramsey, Everett Crom. Back row: Donald Kilts, Ralph Geith, Tom Reardon, and Russell Johnson.



Basketball players in 1914. Buster (Clarence) Brown, Fred Radtke, Hap Foland, and Neville O'Hara.



Magnolia boys basketball team of 1928-29 coached by John Fellows. Front row: Bud Methers, George Steel, Richard Stewart, and Jim Diggins. Second row: Coach, John Fellows, Charlie Moore, Stanley Harrington, Joe Teague, and Paul Freymuller.



The girls basketball team of 1927-28. Front row: Lucille Kilts, Viola Pape, Margaret Reardon. Second row: Elsie Maaske, Elsie Skinner, Lillian Mether, Lucille Farrell, Louella Kilts, and Doris Odell.



Girls basketball team. Front row: Lola Freymuller, Donna Lou Jens, Betty Girton, Velma Lennert, Helen Girton, and Joan Dougherty. Second row: Janice Oviatt, Delores Smith, and Catherine Reep.



Henry Maaske was the custodian of the Magnolia School from 1942 to 1962, and previously was a bus driver for eight years, for a grand total of 28 years.



The cast of "Raspberry Red" presented by the eighth grade in 1951, and directed by Hilda Cutler, were: (Front row) Angela Reardon, Barbara Blankenship, Beverly Jean Peterson, Donald Mether, Lorene Buffum, Bob Allmon, and Ardith Girton. (Back row) David Aronson, Catherine Arbaugh, John Lamberson, Ronald Barkhoff, Virginia Arbaugh, Mrs. Cutler, Roger Keast, and Cecile Jacobsen.

47 The Junior High girls basketball team in 1951. Front row: Janice Jacobsen, Beverly Peterson, Cecile Jacobson, Barbara Blankenship, Virginia Arbaugh, and Jackie Benedict. Second row: Coach, Beverly Brown, Sondra Mether, Shirley Arrick, Marilyn Stirtz, Marilyn Benson, Vivian Godden, Lorene Buffum, Clara Rhoten, and coach, Lila Mae Michael.



Morris Foland drove one of the school buses in the 50's.



The 1944 basketball team were: Front row; Maurice Foland, Dwight Maaske, Donald Tupper, Fred Unmack, Donald Gilkerson, and Dwight Skinner. Back row: Arlyn

Anderson, Harold Tupper, Roy Rhoten, Gayle Foland, Coach, superintendent Landis, and Jim Schuelke.



The Magnolia baseball team of 1952. Front row: David Burkholder, Charles Godden. Second row: Marian Alexander, Tom Epperson, Tom Rhoten, Gaylord Epperson, Dwayne Michael, Paul Michael, Richard Arrick. Third row: Coach, , Jack Grosvenor, Charles Herman, Hodges, Danny Forde, and Charles Lamberson.



One of the fine Magnolia High School girls basketball teams shown in action. Magnolia players shown are Thelma Bedsaul, Elaine Tensmeyer, and Corrine Norris.



The Magnolia faculty in 1947-48, consisted of Mary Gilkerson, first and second grades; Bernice Chamberlain, third and fourth; Irene Kennedy, fifth and sixth, Helen Adams, seventh and eighth; Geraldine Brinker, history, speech, and plays; Susan Methers, Home Ec. and

Geometry; Clifford Vestal, superintendent, math, science, and coach; Hilda Cutler, acting principal, commercial, library, phys. Ed. and publications; and Flosella Atteberry, music and English.



This Board of Education meeting included: Supt. G. H. Etchenkamp, Milton Metcalf, Philip Forde, Schyler

Arbaugh, Dean Girton, Herman Michael, Roy Epperson, and Charles Gilkerson.



The Magnolia School as it looked after the completion of the new gymnasium.



The new Magnolia gymnasium as it looked in the process of building.



Freshman initiation was a three day and one evening event and was looked forward to by all concerned.



The Pep Club was sponsored in 1949-50 by Mrs. Cutler, and supported by the many high school and grade school enthusiasts. The seven cheerleaders were: Eileen

Epperson, Velma Arbaugh, Marilyn Mether, Marjorie Peterson, Dorothy Herman, Delores Epperson, and Esther Gochenour.



The Magnolia School library during the 1953-54 school year, contained a total of 1,250 books. 770 of them fiction, and all of them classified and catalogued for reference. Mrs. Cutler supervised the librarians: Marilyn Benson,

Helen Pauley, Norma Jean Aronson, Cathryn Reardon, Katherine Arbaugh, Sharon Grosvenor, and Shirley Mae Earleywine. The library was available to all junior and high school students.



The Wildcat's Lair, published on alternate weeks, had a circulation of 95, including 25 alumni subscribers. Subscription fees were 35 cents for students and 75 cents for those requiring postage. A total of 18 issues, averaging eight pages each, were produced by mimeograph. This picture, taken during the 1955-56 school year, is of the staff: Editor, Orma Herman; assistant Editor, Marilyn Stirtz; reporters, Alve Feige, Othal Hodges, Jackie Benedickt, Ardith Girton; special features, Marilyn Benson, Janice

Jacobsen, Cathryn Reardon; Jr. High news, Myrna Collins, Judith Niles; grade news, Cecile Jacobsen; sports, Darlene Bedsaul, Lorene Buffum, Floyd Bedsaul, Jim Herman; MAHIWI news, Warren Michael; Alumni news, Marilyn Stirtz, Angela Reardon; art, Lee Ann Geith, Sondra Mether; typing, advanced class, annual staff; duplicating, Richard Hollenbeck, Roger Mensching; sponsor, Mrs. Hilda Cutler.



The Magnolia marching band in 1959-60 directed by Earl Bergman. They marched for the Old Settlers parade.



Magnolia High School student body in 1923. Front row (left to right): Russell Johnson, Kenneth Cutler, Harold Hanson, Ralph Geith, Virgil Ramsey, Azor Dewell, Tom Reardon, Francis Holben, Ralph Shepard, Howard Holben, Paul Kilts. Second row: Tom Chatburn, Lewis Moore, Everett Crom, Albert Michael, Bill Donn, Philip Benson, Waldo Richardson, Harold Freymuller, Harry Dague, Harold Anderson. Third row: Martha Freymuller, Blanche Hirst, Helen Jackson, Alta Skinner, Ina Donn, Letha Ramsey, Edith Cox, Agnes Methers, Lula Ramsey, Florence Brown, Dorothy Dix, Helen Said, Stella Thomas, and

DeBois. Fourth row: Erma Oviatt, Charlotte Herman, Sarah Whitney, Fern Shundlemire, Elsie Plath, Amy Wakefield, Ella Herman, Irene Stein, Helen Maaske, Inez Maaske, Thelma Whitney. Back row: Evelyn Setchell, Blanche Shundlemire, unknown, Ruth Weed, Thresea Stirtz, Mable Sehlke, Helen Sehlke, Opal Swalley, Vera Donnelson, Viola Cress, Zella Lizer, unknown. Teachers: Left side: Mr. Harden, Miss Beery, and Miss Guyett, Chester Robertson and Miss Spears. Right: Prof. Neiman and Janitor, Mert Cress.



Basketball team in 1948. Front row: Connie Smith, Phyllis Burkholder, Elaine Tensmeyer, Lois Mae Benson, Ardith Arbaugh, Lois Herman, Rosalie Arbaugh. Second row: Darrel Michael, Dorothy Gilkerson, Norma Buffum, Gloria Michael, Corrine Norris, Doris Rhoten, Lyle

Herman. Back row: Supt. and Coach Vestal, Esther Gochenor, Ellen Brandstett, Jessie Burkholder, Agnes Rhoten, Marilyn Michael, Beverly Petersen, Rosemary Reardon, Lila Mae Michael, Patricia Peterson, and Chaperon, Hilda Cutler.

TEACHERS

It is evident from the records, that many rural teachers, especially, were hired for terms of three months, however, the actual term of employment might run from one to nine months. Often teachers changed schools for a time, moving out of Magnolia Township. The writing and spelling of names was not always done carefully, and often records were missing or incomplete. It seems that before 1905 teachers were certified by taking and passing an

examination given by the County Superintendent and there was no further record of their career. In some cases in these lists that follow married names have been added so that the years taught could be brought together. Hopefully, names searched for will be found. Following are lists of teachers and the years they taught in Magnolia and Magnolia Township, taken from available records between 1905 and 1962.

Lena Abts, 56-57
 Helen Adams, 46-49
 Katherine Adams, 55-58
 W. H. Allison, 25-27
 Jane Applegate, 36-38
 Laura Arnold, 31-34
 Flosella Attebury, 47-54
 Miss Auchstetter, 18-19
 Dorothy Banker, 39-41
 Della Barry, 06-11, 12-18, 20-21
 Mary Barry, 11-12
 Ruth Beanblossom, 19-20
 Earl Bergman, 57-60
 Virginia Berry, 22-23
 Grace Bedsaul Birchard, 22-23
 John Blatter, 59-61
 Magdaline Sartor Bleich, 28-34
 Avis Bollman, 36-38
 Myrtle Bourland, 26-30
 Marjorie Boyer, 38-41
 Repha Brancht, 17-18
 Gertrude Brown, 42-46
 William D. Brugger, 50-53
 John Cass, 19-20
 Bernice Lenz Chamberlain, 40-48
 Frances Coufal, 39-41
 Rosa A. Crow, 06-07
 Hilda Krienke Cutler, 29-31, 45-62
 Frances Dewell, 17-18
 Wm. DeJong, 38-41
 A. Diederick, 20-21
 Lois Dixon, 45-46
 Hazel Donn, 18-19
 G. H. Echtenkamp, 49-61
 Margaret Echtenkamp, 49-50
 Doris Ellerbrock, 42-44
 Maxine Ericksen, 41-42
 Herbert Every, 20-22
 Gladys Fairchild, 21-22
 Amy Moore Fearing, 18-19
 H. W. Fearing, 18-19
 Fred W. Fee, 20-21
 John B. Fellows, 24-42
 Victor Fitch, 44-46
 Margaret Fitzgibbons, 15-17
 Maxine Fitzgibbons, 41-44
 Eunice Ford, 31-35
 Bryon Foster, 60-61
 Chas. D. Freed, 49-51
 Arthur Friedrich, 59-62
 Jeanette Gilkerson, 08-11
 Mary Lyon Gilkerson, 12-15, 20-21, 23-24, 44-55
 Jerry T. Golden, 52-54
 Myrtle Gunderson, 19-20
 Raymond Gunn, 61-62

Merle Guyette, 22-27
 Lucile Haberly, 23-24
 Edna Mae Hadley, 28-30
 Alice Harker, 18-19
 Edwin Hardin, 22-23
 Martha Harman, 41-42
 Della Harris, 22-24
 Ethelyn Harris, 38-41
 Bernice Hart, 18-19
 Thelma Hathaway, 59-62
 Grace L. Havick, 49-50
 Dorothy Hirst, 53-57
 Christine Hougen, 07-08
 May Lucile Houston, 53-54
 Una Hudson, 21-22
 Ella Inselman, 52-53
 Cecil Ishell, 21-22
 Doris Jacobsen, 54-57
 H. L. Jaquiss, 16-17
 Katherine Jarman, 26-28
 Marguerite Jarman, 24-28
 Donnabelle John, 51-52
 Ola Mae Johnson, 25-28
 Agnes Jones, 18-21
 Betty Jones, 20-21
 Romona Judson, 23-24
 Helen Kearney, 24-25
 Helen Kelly, 43-47, 49-54
 Frances Kemp, 57-59
 Irene Kennedy, 45-49
 Ada Kersten, 58-59
 Lauren Kersten, 52-54
 Evelyn Kidder, 19-20
 Marie Woods Kilts, 28-30
 E. F. Kramer, 17-18
 Cornelius Landhuis, 41-45
 Henry Larson, 35-41
 Aleta Laughlin, 24-25
 Jennie Holden Lawrence, 05-08
 Florence Lewis, 46-47
 Winifred Lyon, 21-28
 Gladys Mackland, 19-20
 Margaret Maasie, 35-36
 Nan Masters, 17-18
 Charles H. Mayberry, 58-59
 Nellie McCann, 15-16
 Alice McCurley, 59-62
 Helen McDonald, 24-25
 Frances Forde McFee, 43-45
 Evelyn McKay, 41-44
 Clara McLean, 11-12
 Laura McLean, 11-12
 E. D. Meggars, 10-11
 Thelma Meredith, 22-23
 Susan Budd Methers, 30-31, 46-48, 51-57

Frances I. Meyer, 53-54
 Doris Michael, 55-62
 Edythe Miller, 23-24
 Grayce Miller, 23-26
 Catherine Moodie, 32-35
 C. W. Morford, 61-62
 O. L. Morgan, 27-38
 Charlotte Morman, 28-30
 Margaret Morrow, 41-42
 Richard Motzkus, 61-62
 Delilah Mourer, 44-45
 Cornelia Nelson, 60-62
 Elizabeth Nicholls, 27-28, 34-41
 Allen R. Nieman, 21-26
 Elsie Nojebe, 19-20
 Jennie Nolson, 19-20
 Beverly Northamer, 61-62
 Catherine Nutter, 57-58
 Carrie Christensen O'Dell, 31-36
 Albert Ohme, 30-32
 Alice Omar, 28-29
 Mr. Parkin, 18-19
 Pearle Parkin, 18-19
 Jerry Parks, 57-60
 Effie Patterson, 05-07
 Minnie Patterson, 16-18, 20-21
 Luff E. Payne, 12-14
 Edna Pearson, 15-16
 Ethel Baldwin Ploth, 27-29
 Pearl Zimmerman Ramsey, 42-43
 Ruth Raymond, 21-22
 John Anthony Redler, 54-55
 Palma Reineman, 56-57
 Harold Rembold, 55-57
 Phyllis Kersten Remington, 49-52
 Jerry C. Richardson, 61-62
 Philip Rihner, 61-62
 Chester Robertson, 22-25
 Verona Rohweder, 36-39
 Wilma Rosenberger, 43-44
 Mildred Ryan, 48-49
 Patricia Sapp, 50-51
 John Schmidt, 37-42
 Phyllis Schwartz, 54-56
 Gladys Scott, 30-31
 Dean Sebeniecher, 57-59
 Lois M. Seeley, 54-55
 Thelma Shoemaker, 27-28
 Mrs. John S. Sly, 19-20
 John S. Sly, 19-20
 Rachel Smith, 30-36
 Phoebe Speirs, 22-23
 Hilda Stern, 15-17
 Aretha Stevens, 48-49
 J. M. Stokes, 15-17
 John W. Stokes, 14-15

F. F. Stover, 05-06
 Marvin Sturtz, 32-37
 Thos. Tacy, 08-10
 Dora Tarkington, 57-60
 Glenn Thomas, 54-56
 Margaret Thompson, 25-26
 Fern Travis, 34-39
 Ida Turner, 22-23
 Geraldine Brinker VanNess, 47-49
 R. J. VanSkiver, 51-52
 Clifford Vestal, 45-48
 Faye Walker, 30-32
 Miss Walton, 18-19
 Marjorie Wehrli, 44-45
 Glen Weldon, 23-24
 Guy P. Wharton, 14-15
 Minnie Wiedin, 20-22
 Della Willett, 60-62
 Joyce Williams, 25-38
 Elsie Wilmarth, 29-30
 J. E. Wilson, 42-43
 Zora Wunderlick, 17-18
 Edgar L. Young, 15-16

TOWNSHIP

Anna Adams, 38-40
 Bertha Allen, 08-10
 Lucy R. Allen, 06-07
 Bertha Arbaugh, 06-07
 Winifred Armstrong,
 33-34, 38-39, 40-42
 Edith M. Arnold, 13-16
 Ferne H. Arnold, 16-17
 Vern H. Arnold, 14-16
 Lowell Arps, 47-48
 Joe Ashley, 19-20
 Thelma Atley, 47-48
 Ruth Axtell, 42-44
 Viola Bagley, 58-60
 Ethel Barskey, 12-13
 Mary Bastwick, 18-19
 Marjorie Bastwick, 18-19
 Irene Beedle, 10-11
 Ada R. Beep, 10-11
 Alice Behm, 19-20
 Nelle Bender, 09-10
 Darlene Berch, 35-36
 Grace Bedsaul Birchard, 10-14
 Rosalie Birks, 47-49
 Mamie Irene Black, 42-44
 Myrna Blust, 13-14
 Elsie Bolt, 37-38
 Rosie Botos, 48-49
 Ferne Boyd Boss, 38-41, 48-49
 Ada Boyd, 11-12, 16-18
 Annabelle Boyd, 21-22, 24-27
 Ethel Boyd, 17-19
 Vera Irene Boyd, 49-51
 Elizabeth Brandon, 08-09
 Zora Brandt, 05-08, 09-10, 11-12
 Bertha Burch, 52-62
 Mollie Burke, 06-07
 Edna Burress, 08-10
 Virval Burress, 33-34
 Nellie M. Butler, 06-07
 Elizabeth Carr, 32-35

Harriett Carr, 36-38
 Helen Cassidy, 24-26
 Bernice Lenz Chamberlain, 39-41
 Claire Christensen, 30-31
 Marion Coffelt, 51-52
 Lois Coffman, 28-29
 Tessa Cohail, 11-12
 Edith Collins, 42-44
 Eda May Churchill Collins, 40-41
 Bernice M. Colton, 22-23
 Belle Comstock, 06-07
 Vera Comstock, 05-06
 Bessie Coon, 13-14, 15-20
 Mary Coon, 23-24
 Pearl Copeland, 06-07
 Florence Cutler, 06-09
 Irene Dale, 26-27
 Lucy Dale, 22-23
 Mildred Damery, 17-18
 Bernice Davis, 11-12
 Helen Davis, 43-44, 59-61
 Wm. DeForest, 37-38
 Kate Dewell, 05-07
 Kathleen Dillehay, 34-38
 Alice Divelbess, 07-08
 Velma Donahoo, 08-09
 Hazel Donn, 18-19
 Bernard Doyle, 05-07, 08-09
 Vera Doyle, 09-13
 Mary Drew, 10-11, 15-17
 Alice DuBois, 12-13
 Helen Ehlert, 44-46
 Milda Erixon, 09-10
 Mary Finley, 24-25
 Mary Lou Fitch, 44-45
 Annie Fitzgibbons, 05-06, 07-08
 Dollie Fitzgibbons, 18-19
 Jean Fitzwilliams, 05-06, 07-08
 M. F. Flynn, 19-20
 Catharine Forde, 31-33
 Grace Francisco, 05-06
 Clyde Freeman., 09-10
 Ilah Funk, 34-35
 Leila Gamet, 23-24
 Iona Ganzhorn, 42-44
 Helen Geith, 22-24
 Della Gilkerson, 06-07, 10-11
 Jeanette Gilkerson, 05-07
 Haven G. Glover, 07-08
 Maude Glover, 07-09
 Karl Goetsche, 07-08
 Marcine Grosvenor, 48-50
 Nellie Grosvenor, 42-44
 Ruth Grosvenor, 16-17
 Florence Grosvenor 08-09
 Glendina Gunderson, 41-43
 Dorothy Guyette, 30-37
 Gladys E. Hall, 15-16
 J. L. Hall, 05-07
 Jessie Hall, 11-12
 L. J. Hall, 06-07
 Frieda Hansen, 22-23
 Margaret Hansen, 35-36
 Sadie Hurd, 11-12
 Helen Harder, 39-40
 Margaret Hardy, 08-09
 Stella Hardy, 07-08
 Clo Harper, 12-13
 Inez Harper, 08-09

Sayde Harrington, 05-06
 Adelia Harter, 21-22
 Ethel M. Harter, 32-33
 Nellie Harvey, 11-12
 Alta Hatton, 13-14
 Leona Hays, 12-13
 Gladys N. Heady, 32-33
 Eileen Heffley, 36-37
 Maud Holdredge, 07-08
 Una Holeton, 07-08
 Velma Hough, 43-44
 Jessie Howard, 17-20
 Vera Huffaker, 16-17
 Edna Gerratt Hubbard, 28-29
 Ella Inselmann, 51-52
 Anna Marie Johnson, 44-45
 Blanche Jones, 19-20
 Pletus L. Jones, 07-08
 Anna Kahout, 08-09
 Beatrice M. Kahre, 25-26
 Mae Kellogg, 12-13
 Mary E. Kennedy, 07-10
 Alma Killpack, 30-31
 May Kilts, 06-08
 Alice Lenz, 09-11
 Grace Lenz, 13-14
 Mable Leonard, 23-24
 Kathryn A. Logan, 25-26
 Augus Macklin, 05-06
 Lorraine Chappell Maguire, 38-40
 Monica Manion, 32-33
 Antainette Mann, 15-16
 Helen Mann, 06-09, 10-12
 Dorothy Marley, 45-47
 Margaret Massie, 33-34
 Mabel Maxwell, 27-28
 Maggie O. Maynard, 14-15
 Alice McCurley, 53-59
 Genieve McDaniel, 21-22
 Frances Forde McFee, 38-40
 Cleta McHugh, 36-38
 Anastasia McKinney, 35-36
 Alicia McKinney, 18-20
 Cleta McKinney, 16-17
 Dorothy McMillen, 27-29, 32-35
 Jessie Lyon McMillen, 10-13
 Lillis Merrell, 08-09
 Theodore Meyers, 28-29
 Gertrude Michael, 05-06
 Shirley Michael, 56-60
 Cecelia Miller, 11-12
 Edith Miller, 40-41
 Jeanette Miller, 13-14
 Margaret E. Miller, 43-44, 46-47
 Helen Miller, 11-12
 Leila Miller, 22-23
 Erma Mills, 09-10
 A. W. Mintun, 12-13
 Alma Morris, 13-14
 Jas. S. Morris, 12-15
 Ada Mae Mott, 19-20, 21-22
 Vesta L. Motz, 27-28
 Sadie Spears Mullennax, 45-47
 Harriett Myers, 36-38
 Jean Myers, 38-39
 Minnie Nelson, 12-16
 Beatrice Netsch, 43-47
 Mildred Netsch, 21-23
 Fern Newfind, 12-13

Lena Niedermyer, 32-34
 Mary Epperson Niedermyer, 42-45
 Lydia Niemoller, 19-20
 Mary Niemoller, 17-19
 Jessie O'Connor, 21-24, 27-28
 Mary O'Connor, 17-18
 Stacia O'Connor, 06-07
 Bernadine O'Rielly, 07-08
 Ella Marie Olmstead, 21-22
 Gertrude Ort, 19-20
 Ethel Oviatt, 33-34
 Elizabeth Owens, 07-09, 10-11
 Nell Owens, 12-13
 Minnie Patterson, 06-07, 09-10
 Lona Mae Peary, 45-46
 Else D. Plath Petersen, 23-26
 Matie Petersen, 19-20, 21-22
 Marion Pelton, 18-19
 Jeanette Peyton, 47-48
 Flossie Phillips, 10-13
 H. Plath, 14-15
 Margaret Barry Plath, 13-15
 Mary Plumb, 46-47
 Eunice Powell, 34-35
 Ermas Price, 28-29
 Ella D. Pugh, 08-11
 Nellie Purcell, 09-10
 Pearl Purcell, 08-10
 Carrie Rayl, 13-14
 Helen Reed, 35-37
 Ottly Riedinger, 35-36
 Marguerite Rief, 43-46
 Blanche Riley, 10-11
 Jessie Roadifer, 07-08, 09-10
 Ruth Robbins, 56-58
 Leita Rockwell, 19-20
 Glenn Rogers, 06-08
 Clara Rowe, 46-47
 Pearl Salts, 38-39
 Lois Sanders, 48-51
 Bonnie J. Sears, 45-47
 Clarabel Seeley, 06-07
 Edith Shepard, 27-28
 Gertrude Shepard, 34-35, 38-39
 Nelle Shields, 11-12
 Mabel Silverthorne, 47-48
 Blanche Skinner, 13-14
 Gladys Smith, 28-29
 Eleanor Soetmelk, 52-56
 Anna Springer, 18-19, 50-53
 Nora Steele, 05-07
 Betty Stewart, 44-47
 Myrtle Strands, 08-09
 Lois Suddick, 28-29
 Ida Belle Thompson, 28-29
 Edith Tietsort, 08-09
 Helen Tollefson, 35-38, 39-41
 Francis Tovey, 16-17
 Mildred Townsend, 07-08
 Florence Tripp, 05-06
 Verna Tripp, 12-13
 Bernice Tupper, 18-20
 Walter C. Tupper, 13-14, 15-16
 Della Umphalbaugh, 08-09
 Carrie E. Vaughn, 05-06, 08-11
 Gertrude Vaughn, 11-18,
 24-26, 27-28, 31-32
 Maud VanNess, 10-11

Cora M. Vince, 09-10
 Vera Walker, 52-54
 Alice C. Walsh, 15-16
 Gladys Warmon, 14-15
 Florence Warnack, 08-09
 Olive Warner, 37-38
 Carrie Waters, 07-13
 Mollie Waters, 05-06
 Blanche Watkins, 08-09
 Ada Weston, 18-20
 Birdie Weston, 06-07, 08-09
 May Weston, 05-09

Ruth Weston, 12-13
 Hazel Whitney, 28-29
 Ella Winther, 27-28
 Sena Winther, 27-28
 Margaret Wist, 06-07
 Maude Wood, 06-07
 Irma Woodward, 34-35
 Merlyn Woodward, 51-52
 Shirley Young, 40-41
 Lovey Yount, 24-25
 Pearl Yount, 15-16
 Leota Zelinsky, 35-36

The following lists of classes have been taken from the Alumni Association address cards, which go back to 1897, and from school records, class pictures, and yearbooks from 1916 through 1962, which in some cases are missing, incomplete, or difficult to interpret. Apologies are extended for errors and omissions.

10 Grades

1897

Florence V. Cutler
 Henry C. Cutler
 Ruby Lockling
 Henry Voss

1899

Mollie Cutler
 L. J. Freymuller
 Tillie Koehn
 Carrie Lockling
 Nell McCabe
 Grace Merchant

1900

Roy H. Cutler
 Jean Fitzwilliams
 Walter Lockling

1901

Della Gilkerson
 Roy Harrington
 Ruby McDonald

1902

Carl Goetsche

1904

Nell Mahoney

1906

John Aron

1907

Grace Bedsaul
 Harriette Bolch
 Gertrude Freymuller
 Burton Gilkerson
 Henry Maaske
 Jessie O'Connor

1909

H. Alexander
 Ernest Anderson
 John Chatburn
 Numa McDowel
 H. A. Merchant

1910

Albert Evers
 Frank G. Maaske
 Hugh Stewart

1911

Orval Beaman
 Mabel O'Connor
 Eva Sehlke

1912

Ada Doyle
 Edwin Sehlke

1913

Pearl Girton
 Marie Goetsche
 Elson Holben
 Lela Lenz
 Millie Merchant
 Carl Ort
 Edward Radtke
 Hilda Radtke

1914

Gladys Benson
 Clarence Brown
 Vane Foland
 Elsie Harrington
 Iva Harrington
 Neville O'Hara
 Beryl O'Hara
 Wilma O'Hara
 Fred Radtke
 Lela Steen
 Freda Vogel

(12 Grades)

1916

Gladys Benson
 Clarence Brown
 Vane Foland
 Wilma O'Hara
 Elsie Harrington
 Iva Harrington
 Fred Radtke
 Freda Vogel

1917
Marguerite Benson
Hazel Girton
Charles Kilts
Marie Mahoney
Vivian Vogler

1918
Alice Frazier
Elsie Geith
Alfred Girton
Harry Kilts
Gertrude Ort
Kathryn Said
Alma Sehlke

1919
Ralph Edwards
Francis Hamilton
Oscar Kersten
Frank Kilts
Susan Skinner

1920
Robert Coppock
Ada Fallon
Robert Vogel
Ruth Wade

1921
Thomas Adams
Wayne Goetsche
Elmer Herman
Marie Herman
Frances Hirst
Lula Koehn
Nettie Ort

1922
Harold Anderson
Roy Coppock
Francis Cox
Harry Cox
Alma Geith
Maurice Geith
Frieda Hansen
Ethel Jackson
Geraldine Johnson
Bernard Keehner
Thomas Ricks
Florence Steffan

1923
Viola Cress
William Donn
Inez Maaske
Albert Michael
Elsa Plath
Harry Ploth
Waldo Richardson
Helen Sehlke
Theresa Stirtz
Erma Oviatt
Bernard Keehner
Sarah Whitney

1924
Thomas Chatburn
Harold Freymuller
Martha Freymuller
Ella Herman
Erma Herman

Lola Jackson
Agnes Methers
Lula Ramsey
Fern Shundlemire
Mable Sehlke
Irene Steen
Thelma Whitney

1925
Edith Cox
Everett Crom
Ralph Geith
Harold Laughlin
Inez Lennert
Virgil Ramsey
Helen Said
Blanche Shundlemire
Alta Skinner

1926
Kenneth Cutler
Harold Hansen
Charlotte Herman
Russell Johnson
Thomas Reardon
Ralph Shepard
Dorothy Unmack
Ruth Weed

1927
Irene Beebe
Clarence Cowan
Marcella Harrington
Emily Holben
Donald Kilts
Helen Maaske
Irvin Ploth
Francis Reardon
James Reardon
Hazel Whitney

1928
Florence Cowan
Kathleen Cutler
James Diggins
Merle Hiller
Viola Pape
Mildred Poe
George Stiehl
Gretchen Stirtz

1929
Helen Adams
Dorothy Freymuller
Mildred Herman
Lucille Kilts
Luella Kilts
Elsie Maaske
Paul McDonald
Willis Moore
Lena Niedermeyer
Doris O'Dell
Helen Oviatt
Ada Reinhart
Mary Stewart
Richard Stewart
Bessie Whitney

1930
Eunice Edwards
Olive Edwards
Lucille Ferrell
Frances Forde

Lester Kersten
George Lough
Bernadine Maaske
Lillian Methers
Hilda Niedermeyer
Elsa Skinner
Wilma Stirtz
Dorothea Young

1931
Evonne Arnold
Nathalie Butterworth
Thelma Butterworth
Donald Foutch
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Paul Freymuller
Merle Girton
Edith Hauff
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Lucy McHugh
Charley Moore
Howard O'Dell
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Maurice Stewart
Helena Stirtz
Vera Unmack

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C. G. Adams
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Ethel Cress
Carroll Cutler
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Billy Epperson
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Kenneth Kersten
Miriam Kersten
Ilene Mahoney
Letta Mintun
Joy Oviatt

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David Coffman
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Kathleen Stirtz
Barbara Tensmeyer
Mamie Voss

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Inez Adams
Donald Ashcraft
Victor Cadwell
Marguerite Cutler
Esther Freymuller
Harry Freymuller
Karol Kersten
Lorita Lough
Pauline McFee
Mildred McHugh
William Methers
Anne Marie Moore
Eva Myer
Lucille O'Dell

Marjory Plath
 Ruth Richardson
 Gladys Stebbins
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 Paul Girton
 Dale Michael
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 Lloyd Allmon
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 Grace Cutler
 Dwane Field
 Max Freymuller
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 Evelyn Kersten
 Lois Kersten
 Lois Kincheloe
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 Dorothy Niedermeyer
 Harlan Niedermeyer
 Bill Nourse
 Virgil Plath
 Maurice Tupper
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 Rex Coffman
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 Jeanne Morgan
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 Edward Nourse
 Mary Salter
 Lois Smith
 William Soetmelk
 Edward Tierney
 LaVerne Weed
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 Johnnie Allmon

Milton Brooks
 Donald Cadwell
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 Lloyd Kersten
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 William O'Rourke
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 Patricia Dougherty
 Theodore Freymuller
 Eileen Herman
 Robert Reep
 Vern Scott
 Dorrance Seeley
 Mearl Smith
 Frances Stewart
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 Wanda Cutler
 Arlus Edwards
 Blythe Edwards
 Lauren Kersten
 Jack Loftus
 Charlene Nelson
 Darlene Nelson
 Dwight Reep
 Bette Salter
 Pat Seeley
 Donald Spence
 Louise Tensmeyer
 Berneda Tupper
 1942
 Phyllis Brooks
 Mary Buffum
 Lois Coffman
 Rosemary Coffman
 Porter Evans
 Doris Gilkerson
 Herman Mensching
 Peggy Michael
 Milton Niedermeyer
 Bernard Plath
 Betty Jean Stewart
 1943
 Myrna Brunstedt
 James Buffum
 James Cress
 Joan Dougherty
 Betty Girton
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 Deloris Block
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Donna Lou Jens
 Catherine Reep
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 Beth Field
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 Arlyn L. Anderson
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 Maurice C. Foland
 Lucille E. Herman
 Phyllis E. Niles
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 Norma Hodges
 Carolyn Pitt
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 Donald (Mike) Stewart
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 Rosalie Arbaugh
 Donald Barnhart
 Richard Collins
 Ira Edwards
 Barbara Evans
 Robert Fairchild
 Alice Girton
 Lyle Herman
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 Donna Mae Knauss
 Richard Landon
 Bruce Norris
 Charles Olsen
 Patricia Peterson
 James Pitt
 Leroy Vestal
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 Gerald Arbaugh
 Jerry Aronson
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 Lois Benson
 Doris Block
 Phyllis Burkholder

Ivan Edwards
 Delores Epperson
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 Esther Gochenour
 Darrel Michael
 Gloria Michael
 Rodney Peterson
 Connie Smith
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 Marjorie Stirtz
 Elaine Tensmeyer
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 Norma Buffum
 Marvin Evers
 Ruby Graham
 Jack Henderson
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 Leland Hodges
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 Corinne Norris
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 Gerald Petersen
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 Richard Arrick
 Andy A. Aronson
 Francis Patrick Buffum
 Leta Dilley
 Eileen Epperson
 Mary Jo Evers
 Leslie Hodges
 Eddie Hornbeck
 Carl Jens
 Marjorie Petersen
 Tom Rhoten
 1953
 Ilene Anderson
 Velma Arbaugh
 Harry Aronson
 David Burkholder
 Fred Cooper
 Joy Dilley
 Gaylord Epperson
 Danny Forde
 Audrey Girton
 Jack Grosvenor
 Robert Hoover
 Leota Metcalf
 Marilyn Mether
 Paul Michael
 Eleanor Shreeves
 1954
 Norman Alexander
 Harold Aronson
 Shirley Mae Arrick
 Gene Benson
 Shirley Earleywine
 Tom Epperson
 Dorothy Feige
 Mary Ann Forde

Charles Godden
 Vivian Godden
 Charles Herman
 Duane Hodges
 Helen Hollenbeck
 Karen Koski
 Charles Lamberson
 Joan Lewis
 Lois Ann Olsen
 Jim Reardon
 1955
 Katherine Arbaugh
 Virginia Arbaugh
 David Aronson
 Darlene Bedsaul
 Barbara Blankenship
 Lorene Buffum
 Dennis Forde
 Ardith Girton
 Cecile Jacobsen
 John Lamberson
 Wilma Meeker
 Donald Mether
 Helen Pauley
 Beverly Petersen
 Angela Reardon
 JoAnn Straight
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 Francis Marion Alexander
 Jacqueline Benedickt
 Marilyn Ann Benson
 Glen S. Earleywine
 Wallis Gochenour
 Robert Heady
 Orma Louise Herman
 Harold Paul Hiller
 Janice Jean Jacobsen
 Sondra Ann Mether
 Jack Straight
 Marilyn Jean Stirtz
 1957
 Norma Jean Aronson
 Floyd Bedsaul
 Robert Freymuller
 James Herman
 Bonnie Hodges
 Joan Lamberson
 Jack Lewis
 Genelle Menching
 Roger Mensching
 Raymond Mether
 Warren Michael
 Cathryn Reardon
 Russell Shreeves
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 Arlene Thomas
 Robert Withem
 1958
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 JoAnn Benedickt
 Roy Cooper
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 William Freymuller
 Walter Francis Gochenour
 William Carl Herman
 Carole Mensching
 Lorita D. Mether
 Linda Ruth Peterson

Lyle R. Rhoten
 Donna Lea Shreeves
 Jean Rae Straight
 Joyce Eileen Teager
 Ronnie Tufly
 Stanley Worth
 1959
 Shirley L. Benson
 Mary Alice Cates
 William Edward Fairchild
 Robert Forde
 Paul Godden
 Larry Hathaway
 Jerry D. Hodges
 Sandra Koski
 Betty Lou Martin
 Stanley McMillen
 Janice E. Metcalf
 Judy Niles
 Peggy Points
 Gerald Allen Withem
 1960
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 Myrna K. Collins
 Michael J. Epperson
 Terry Geith
 Gayland Hall
 Dennis Hathaway
 Wayne Haubold
 Jane Ann Herman
 Beverly Hillman
 Sandra K. Michael
 Karen Reardon
 Donna Belle Rhoten
 Leona E. Shepard
 Louise N. Thordsen
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 Dennis Arbaugh
 Susan Arbaugh
 Donna Boss
 Larry Burgen
 William F. Christians
 Richard Girton
 Keith Herman
 Terry Jacobsen
 Ralph Mensching
 Cletus Metcalf
 Carl Michael
 Lyle Michael
 Maureen Reardon
 Rex Rhoten
 Jerry Straight
 Mae Thompson
 1962
 Carole Anne Aronson
 John L. Benedickt
 Sharon Kay Burress
 Jerry C. Collins
 Patricia Epperson
 Judy A. Forde
 Joyleen M. Heady
 Beverly Hodges
 Rex Kent Koski
 Lorraine Kay Lewis
 Richard W. Sharp
 Loran K. Skaw

Mails



An entry in the Old Settlers parade showing how the Star Mail Route was delivered before the automobile.



Elsie Foland is shown in front of the Magnolia Post Office as she starts to Logan to deliver the mail on the Star Route.

STAR MAIL ROUTE HISTORY

The time Magnolia was "Star Routed" between Magnolia and Logan dates back to the 1880's.

J. B. Akers was the carrier. He died in 1889 and Charlie Wakefield became the driver.

The National Archives of the Post Office Department in Washington D.C. have no record of the early history of the Star Route prior to 1919. Information as nearly authentic as possible was gathered from earlier residents of Magnolia.

Jim Henderson carried the mail daily to Logan and back as well as freight and passengers in the early 1900's. A rural route also brought mail daily from Logan, so Magnolia had two mails a day and one outgoing.

Other known Star Route carriers in those days were Billy Dague, Lew Murphy, and Leon Oviatt. Herman Voss was a substitute driver.

Government records show that a Star Route mail contract was let to John Brown in 1919, in 1923 to Fred Block, in 1927 to Charles McKinney, and in 1931 to George Mintun.

On July 1, 1935 the Star Route contract was let to Vane D. Foland for four years and was renewed each four years thereafter until June 30, 1969 - a total of 34 years. His wife, Elsie Foland, was his substitute driver most of that time and completed his last contract term after his death in 1967. Vern Jones was her substitute driver when necessary.

Then, after those many continuous years, the Star Mail Route between Magnolia and Logan was discontinued by the Post Office Department. Thus another chapter of Magnolia's history was closed.



Alma Swalley putting out the flag when opening the Magnolia Post Office.



Anna Marie Sewell, present postmaster, placing mail in the residents boxes.

HISTORY OF THE MAGNOLIA POSTOFFICE

In 1853, when Magnolia became settled the first post office of the county was established, with P. G. Cooper, Postmaster.

There were no mail routes yet and the nearest other post office was at Council Bluffs. Mail was carried by private subscription for two years. Great was the excitement when some fellow citizen journeyed to Council Bluffs for supplies and brought back the village mail.

Dick Humphrey was appointed Postmaster in 1855. At that time the Western Stage Route was established between Council Bluffs and Sioux City, via Calhoun and Magnolia. Jerome Seeley was a driver. However, this did not last long. Calhoun drivers subsidized the company and as a result Magnolia received side mail from her rival Calhoun, also from Woodbine.

Several years later in 1866 the railroads were built through Western Iowa and Logan became a town. Magnolia

was supplied by side mail and at one time nine mails a week were brought to the post office, bringing snatches of world news-- somewhat belated, but of great interest.

Postmasters during the remainder of the 1800's were D. E. Brainard, Joseph Hardy, S. R. Hill, George Brainard, George Waterman, O. H. Day, Sam Dewell, W. H. Gleason, J.K. Murphy, J. F. Mintun, Frank Hill, and O.P. Murphy.

J. D. Stuart received his appointment in 1914 and served until 1935.

Alma Swalley became Postmistress in 1935 when Mr. Stuart resigned. She retired in 1965 after 30 years service.

Anna Sewell received her appointment in 1966 and is still Postmistress at Magnolia's Rural Branch Postoffice. Logan's Rural Route 2 continues to serve Magnolia daily with incoming and outgoing mail.

Early History of Businesses



Jule Clark and his livery barn in Magnolia.

MAGNOLIA AS REMEMBERED FROM 1909 to 1976

Starting on the street west of Ardo McFee's residence and going west was the Congregational parsonage, which was destroyed by fire in the winter of 1936. The church was torn down by Fred Landon and the lumber used for his house in the country, now the Theodore Freymuller house. Next stood the Court House, constructed in 1872 and used as such until 1875. It was used for offices and storage of records for some years and, finally, in 1884 purchased by a group of people for use as a Methodist Church, with services held in the upper story and living quarters for the minister's family on the first floor. About 1911, the Methodists constructed a parsonage and the upper story was removed. In 1951 the American Legion purchased the building and has maintained it for a meeting hall and for community use.

West, across the street, stood the G.A.R. Hall, which held the first picture show in town; next, a two-story building which held the Post Office and furniture store, also a funeral home in Logan had caskets for sale on the second floor in this building. Next to it was a vacant lot where basketball was played and an open air picture show was held.

Then was John Kilts Grocery and Meat Store in a wooden structure which burned in 1929. Prior to that, the building was used for a dance hall and a small jewelry store owned by Otto Vogler. The building which is now the Town Hall was earlier used as a restaurant, run by Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lyons, a barber shop, and a small variety store. Later the Post Office was located here, replacing these businesses.

Next to it was a wooden dwelling, standing back from the sidewalk about three feet, where James (Pap) Henderson and his wife lived. He hauled the mail and freight from Logan with a team. A barber shop came next, later occupied by Dr. F. H. Hanson, sold to Vern Wakefield and moved to north of Ed Grossman's tavern, and now owned by Howard Weed. Dr. Hanson moved to this building after the General Store, Magnolia Bank, and his office across the street south, where the Post Office is now, burned in 1925. A grist mill owned and operated by Ralph Richardson on the location of the General Store burned the summer of 1931.

Next to Henderson's is Niles Grocery now, but where James D. Stuart had the Post Office and drug store. In the back room, caskets were kept for W. L. Yeaman, of Logan.



The Magnolia Creamery with the stockholders.

North of Niles Grocery was a building where a meat market, barber shop, and confectionary and gift shop were located. This was later torn down and a building erected where dances, roller skating, and picture shows were held, now known as the Magnolia Inn, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wakehouse. Later James D. Stuart sold his building to Chas. M. Donn, who operated a restaurant there. Mr. Stuart then moved his contents to the new building and operated the Post Office and drug store in it.

Mr. Stuart sold this building to E.H. Banks. Early druggists were Archie Kroloff and Arlo Baugh. from 1942 to 1966 Mr. and Mrs. Vane Foland owned the building, having

bought the building from Mrs. Mary (Goetsche) Olsen and the business from Arlo Baugh. In 1966, they sold to Kenneth Walters. The next owner was Nina Foland who sold to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wakehouse.

North of this was a cement block building, erected to house a blacksmith and to be used for a basketball court. The blacksmith shop didn't mature, the building was made into two stories, the upper floor was used by the Odd Fellows and Rebecca Lodges, and a garage and hardware occupied the first floor and was operated by Henry Hanneman.



This is the interior of the barber shop. Harry Giddings is the barber. Herman Voss is sitting near him, Adolph

Freymuller at the back has a pipe, and Con Reardon is the gentleman with the mustache by the stove.



This picture was taken in the early 1900's. It was a general store and owned in partnership by Newt Frazier, Will Johnson, and George Harvey. Mr. Frazier was manager. Mr. Harvey and his brother, Charlie Harvey were operators of a store in Logan at that time. Note the hitching posts and

horses. This building was owned by Abe Daskovsky when it burned on Old Settlers night 1925. The adjoining buildings, Magnolia Savings Bank and Dr. F.H. Hanson's office, also burned. The vault of the bank is still standing. Ralph Richardson built a grist mill which burned in the summer of 1931.



Those pictured in the store are: Mrs. Neuton Frazier, Matie Aaron, Robert Whitsitt, Carrie Holben Chatburn, and Charles Skinner.

Next, Fred DePue opened a harness shop in a building which was remodeled for a grocery store by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Kilts about 1933. Times were so hard and money so scarce they leased the store to a Mr. Herrington of Mondamin, and the building burned about 1935.

Across the street west, Kerwood Aronson's place was a garage and gas station, last operated by Donald Kilts, and connected on the south by a blacksmith shop operated by John Goetsche, later by his son Karl, and since torn down.

The John Dewell building on the southeast corner of the

block contained a grocery store which he had, and later operated by Charles Spires. Then Bob and Dave Chambers operated a hardware store in it; then later, grocery stores were operated by several different people, some of whom were Bertha Leach, Clarence Alexander, Paul Buffum, and Jay Field. The downstairs was sold to the Methodist Ladies Aid, and bought from them by Conrad Hauff who gave it to the Masonic Lodge who owned the upstairs.

For a few years, Roscoe Blankenship owned and operated a small ice house immediately south of the Dewell



The Place Hotel which was run by a relative of the Freymuller family.

building, where previously a "horse and wagon" scales was located.

South across the street was a hotel run by Porter Mills and wife; south of it a photographer was located (possibly D.F. Eaton.) Next was another hotel, now Ed Grossman's place, and there were two livery barns south of the hotel.

A cheese factory stood where the Dewey Houghton residence is now; and where Eugene Jacobsen lives was the first Court House in the County, built of wood in 1876. Huge wall murals of this building and of the brick Court House, as it looked in 1856, are now painted on the third floor backstair case in the Court House in Logan, by Frank Enders of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Six city parks were laid out in Magnolia; four have been sold to private individuals, two are maintained as city parks.

There were two brick yards, one on the Clyde Barrier place, on the north side of the ditch and next to Highway 127, operated by Hane Leach and his father; the other was on the south edge of W.H. Swalley farm, and was operated by Whit Wakefield and his brother. Whit was the grandfather of Maud Murphy and Marie Grossman.

At one time John Dewell had a post office in his home east of where the post office building is now, in the residence now owned by Paul (Pete) Weed. The current post office building was originally the Parish Hall (German School) and located where the Parish Hall is now, south of the Lutheran Church. It was moved to this site in the late thirties. The residence of Kerwood Aronson, formerly the Lutheran parsonage, was moved to its present location about 1909.

The Magnolia Creamery, operated by George F. Scott, was located where Dale Michael's D.X. Station is located.

A school was located on the vacant lot north of the Harry Fairchild residence where Chas. Johnson lived in earlier days. Another school was located in the pasture north of the Lutheran parsonage and was destroyed by fire.

Where Bill Tensmeyer's mobile home stands, was a small brick building where Sam McDonald did saw-sharpening and filing. Prior to this building there was a log building where the first man in this town lived and where he grew pumpkins.

On east of Niles Store, before they added an extra portion for living quarters, there stood a small building where John Benson operated a Jewelry and Watch Repair Shop, and also shoe repair. He had to vacate when the building, now the Magnolia Inn, was built, and he moved his shop to his home, now occupied by Maud Murphy. This location was known as the "Bates Hotel" and a stage coach barn stood west of the hotel.

The first Evangelical German Methodist Church was the house owned by Mrs. Osa Donnelson which burned down about 1975.

The first Congregational Church was located in the Howard Niles residence.

The house west across the alley from Mrs. Marcella Herman's residence is known as the Dr. Cutler residence.

A slaughter house was located west of the Bud Carse property. At that time it was Cy Lawrence's property, located on the old road known as the Lawrence Hill.



The next building was a barber shop, which was later replaced by a brick building in 1913. The upper floor was the IOOF Hall, and a hardware store operated by Herman Sehlke and the Hanneman garage was on the first floor. These two brick buildings were purchased by V.D. Foland

in later years--1943 and 1948. The last building was a harness shop operated by Ike DePue; later by a cream and egg business, then a grocery store run by Evetett Kilts. The building burned in 1935, and in late years, the Magnolia Fire House was built.

MAGNOLIA SAVINGS BANK

The first bank in Magnolia was established in the 1860's. The bank was robbed by the Reno gang in 1868.

The second bank was a private one instituted by W. F. Clark in 1870. He later moved to Springfield, Ill. Clark and Ford started a bank in 1891, which continued until 1898.

The Magnolia Savings Bank was established in 1906 by H. N. (Newt) Frazier. It flourished and did a good business.

Mr. Frazier operated the bank until 1920 when he sold his interest to M.B. and D.E. Cottrell of the State Savings Bank of Logan. They became president and vice president of the bank and A. W. Gaines and J. C. Arnold remained as cashiers. Alma Sehlke (Swalley) was assistant cashier. She was employed from 1920 until March 1, 1924, when the bank closed.

Magnolia, Iowa, 192

No.

MAGNOLIA SAVINGS BANK 72-1445

Pay to the order of \$

Dollars

For

INLAND PTG. CO., WICHITA, KS.

BANK ROBBED BY RENO GANG

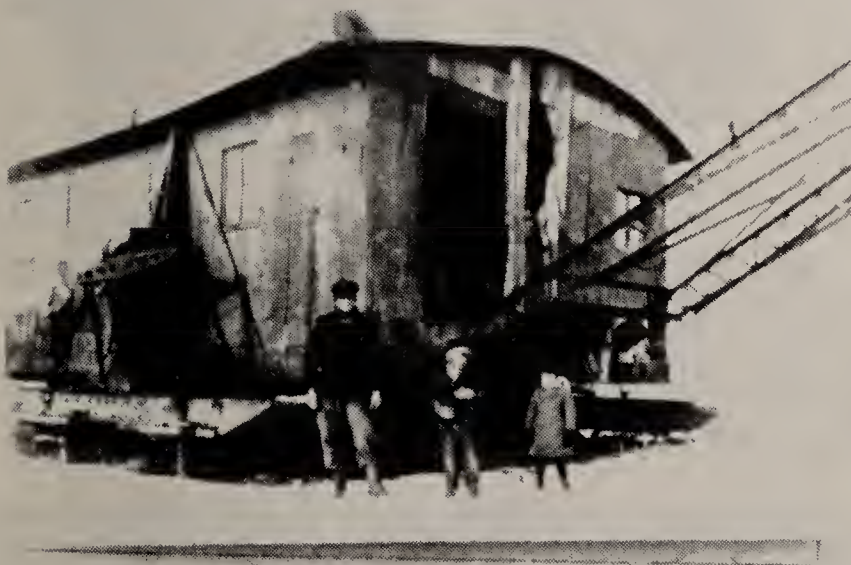
The following excerpts were taken from an account written by Detective Alan Pinkerton for Master Detective Magazine, printed by Arthur Orrmont of Julian Messner, Inc. in New York.

Early in 1868, Frank Reno led a gang of seven across the state line and robbed the bank at Magnolia, Iowa, of \$15,000. County officials wired Allan Pinkerton, asking him to take the case. He and Bill Pinkerton and two other detectives from the agency arrived in Magnolia a few days later. After questioning townspeople and the railroad men in Logan, the detectives discovered the thieves had fled on a stolen hand car.

Bill Pinkerton and an aide hired a buggy and traced the gang to Council Bluffs, 35 miles from the scene of the robbery. They found no sign of the Reno's in Council Bluffs but were certain they must be staying with an accomplice. There Bill Pinkerton found that a saloon in Council Bluffs, run by a disreputable character named Brown, had connections with the gang. A day and night watch on the premises turned up an unusual catch—a wealthy citizen and pillar of the church named Michael Rogers. He had a criminal record and had paid some taxes at Magnolia the day before the robbery. He had a good chance to make sure the money was there and to memorize the office entrances and exits.

Later the Mills Co. Treasury at Glenwood, thirty miles away, was robbed of \$13,000 by five men.

The next day the Pinkertons called on Michael Rogers. They saw smoke coming from the kitchen stove and lifted off the lid. A large bundle of bills were smoldering and they grabbed them out. Later this money was identified as that stolen in the Magnolia robbery. The thieves were arrested and locked in the Council Bluffs jail. They broke jail that night.



The land along the Willow River was very swampy and not considered valuable by the early settlers. Flooding was very common with the entire bottom land unnder water. About 1916 the channel was dug deeper and straighened. The dragline pictured didn't have tracks but "hopped" along. Pictured are the operator, John Hatterman and Carl and Lillian Soetmelk.

In Between Years



Niles Grocery Store and the Hap Foland Store and former Garage building.



The Magnolia Midget baseball team float in the Old Settlers parade in 1951.



Magnolia Town baseball team. Front row: Paul Buffum, Maurice Foland, Keith Blair, Don Tupper, and Jim Pitt. Second row: Howard Niles, Fred Unmack, Arlyn Anderson, Carol Kersten, and Chuck Kersten.

Thursday, January 8, 1925. J.C. Kilts harvested 124 loads of ice for his market business. The best ice in many years.

Mink trapped along the Willow River brought \$45. the winter of 1917.



Magnolia had a very active Square Dance Club called the Magnolia Pomenaders. This was their float entry in the Old Settlers parade in 1965. Show are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Clinkenbeard.



In 1974 while doing dirt work for a dam and bridge on the Willow near the "Dutch Four Corners", bones were uncovered of a mastodon. The bone is currently house at the Sanford Museum at Cherokee, Iowa. Pictured with the bone are Eric and Dan Rider.

The Harrison County News carries an article showing that the average inncome of Harrison County farmers for 1924 was\$3,551. Did you get yours ?

Current Years

CITY WATER IN MAGNOLIA

The first attempt for a water system in Magnolia was made in 1915 and failed. A second try in 1925 also failed. In 1933, when C. E. Johnson was mayor, water works were again urged for the town. It was defeated by just a few votes--even in those days of P.W.A. and other government programs. An attempt was made in 1959, when Elisha Mahoney was mayor, and failed also when the town was unable to get a loan.

In 1966, while Howard Niles was Mayor, an application was made to the Farmers Home Administration for an initial loan in the amount needed to dig a well, erect a stand pipe and lay water mains. With this encouragement a test well was dug and 87 homes signed up to connect to a water line.

When completed, the water system would mean an end to dependence on the town pump and private wells. It would attract more residents and building of homes, and there would be better fire protection.

Arrangements for the loan were made and drilling operations began for the town well in the east park in April, 1967. It had all the suspense of an oil exploration and Magnolia residents couldn't have been much happier if drillers had brought in a 'gusher' instead of hitting water.

It was in the spring of 1972 before the actual installation of the water was a certainty. Water mains were laid and the stand pipe and water tower erected. It is 70 feet high and holds 50,000 gallons of water.

After many years of waiting, Magnolia citizens were to enjoy the luxury of city water. It took a lot of time and work by the town officials to get the project underway and completed. They were: Howard Niles, Mayor, and Councilmen: Ardo McFee, Vern Scott, Fred Christians, Ronald Earleywine and Herman Michael.

The present officials are: Mayor, Lloyd Polen, and Councilmen: Richard Small, Rex Rhoten, Dwane Dahl, Carl Michael and Russell Shreeves.



Magnolia citizens are justly proud of their new water system and water tower.

Bicentennial Flag Presentation

Magnolia was informed that they were a Bicentennial Community on March 18, 1976. On June 18, 1976 they held a program around the Town Pump when Iowa State Senator Louis Culver presented them their Bicentennial Flag and

certificate. Over two hundred persons attended the program with the American Legion color guard helping and the Magnolia Chorus singing. A refreshments table was set up in the square and a large crowd stayed to visit with their friends and neighbors.



Organizations



This is the Masonic Hall where the Magnolia Masons met for over 100 years. It was later designated a Masonic Museum and was torn down in 1976.

(From ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF MASONRY IN MAGNOLIA, IOWA, compiled by Theron E. Arthur, 1958)

Magnolia Lodge No. 126 was chartered on June 2, 1858, just five years after Magnolia was named the "Seat of Justice" of Harrison County, named for the ninth President of the United States, William Henry Harrison, in 1851. Iowa had been admitted to the Union as the twenty-ninth state in 1846.

The new lodge, sponsored by Bluffs City Lodge No. 71, of Council Bluffs, being the closest lodge to Magnolia at that time, has in turn sponsored all of the Masonic Lodges in Harrison County with the one exception, that of Craftsman Lodge at Persia. The Magnolia Lodge was the first secret order organized in the county. Charter members were: Hiram Huff, First Master; E.J. Ellis, Senior Warden; Jeremiah Motz, Treasurer; Thomas F. Stewart, Secretary; James S. Rand, Senior Deacon; John Harshbarger, Junior Deacon; H. Caywood, Tyler.

Thirty-two names were listed as having served in the Civil War; two of the charter members, E. J. Ellis and Thomas F. Stewart, were killed at Chickamauga and Nashville, respectively.

The first lodge room is reported to have been in an upstairs room above the post office, owned by D. E. Brainard, built in 1856. The location of this building is a little vague, but the address on an old letterhead indicated the "corner of Washington and Walnut streets." A committee had been appointed to buy jewels and furniture and at the first meeting on January 15, 1859, a bill was presented for lodge furniture in the amount of \$90.95.

Regular meetings were held on the Monday night of or preceding the full moon, and members were known to have walked twenty miles to attend lodge at Magnolia, returning to their homes the following day. Later the Harrison County Flag, the county newspaper, published in Magnolia, carried notices of new by-laws and schedule of regular meeting nights.

William Hefford was the first man made a Mason in this lodge, and thus in the county. He was a very fine

cabinetworker and made the several stations and very fine set of working tools that were used for the lifetime of the lodge.

The first Masonic funeral in the county was carried on by Magnolia Lodge at Calhoun for Isaac Parrish, their second master, August 9, 1860.

About 1872 the need for a new lodge was apparent and arrangements were attempted to have J. W. Clark fix a room above his store for the lodge, but the plan fell through at the time. About four years later, however, Mr. Clark finished the second story above his store and offered it to the lodge for \$700 unfinished. One provision in finishing the room was that the lodge was to pay half of the expense of putting lightening rods on it. They were also to keep in good repair their room from the floor to the ceiling and help on the roof, so the upper floor was contracted for.

The carpet, made especially for a lodge room was bought by Capt. George S. Bacon in 1882 in the East. The Masonic symbols were woven into it and it is probably the only carpet of its kind in existence today. A similar carpet was bought for the rostrum in 1902; and a safe was purchased in 1899, for \$18.

The Masonic Lodge room was the only place in Magnolia that was large enough to hold any kind of meeting, so both the original room and the one over the store that they occupied later were rented by the Odd Fellows, Maccabees, Yeomen, O.E.S., W.O.W., W.N.A. a veteran's organization, and perhaps more.

In 1908, membership numbered 38 and the Lodge celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary with a picnic in the park.

On June 17, 1957, a very unique meeting was held in the Magnolia Lodge room. It was called a presentation meeting and five members of the Lodge who had had a continuous membership for fifty years and more were presented with fifty-year pins. They were Brothers L.J. Freymuller, a Mason for 56 years and Secretary for 41 years; Henry C. Cutler, a Mason for 56 years, who had held about every office in the Lodge, spending a good many years in each of the offices of Master and Secretary; Roy Cutler, a Mason for 51 years; Charles I. Cutler, 51 years, and Chester Larison, 51 years.

In 1958, the 21 members of the Magnolia Lodge No. 126 elected the following officers: Rex Coffman, W.M.; Miles Barnhart, S.W.; Charles Gilkerson, J.W.; Kenneth Cutler, Secy.; and Perne Bedsaul, Treasurer.

The Lodge celebrated their Centennial on Monday, Labor Day, Sept. 1, 1958, with a picnic in the park, in very much the same way that the fiftieth anniversary was carried out. Lodge convened at 11 o'clock in the Magnolia Masonic Hall with sixty Brethern present. Short talks were given by R.K. Stouffer, Bluffs City No. 71, Council Bluffs, and W.E. Darrington, Craftsman No. 490, Persia. Lodge closed at 11:40, and about 150 people gathered at the City Park for a family picnic dinner. An afternoon program was attended by about 200, and a good number of ladies, as well as men, visited and viewed the pictures and equipment in the ancient lodge room.

In October, 1965, the Grand Master acknowledged a letter from the lodge concerning the problems of continuing the work in Magnolia and suggested consolidation with one of the nearby lodges. In August 1966, Howard Wilding, of Valley Lodge, No. 232, acknowledged receipt of the original charter, the deed and abstract to the Magnolia Lodge property, and the original or first minute book of the Lodge proceedings.

The building was subsequently sold and torn down; the properties of the Lodge were removed to the Harrison County Historical Village.

Company C - 29th Infantry



The 50th anniversary of the forming of Company C-29th Infantry was held at Magnolia. Those attending were: John Reed, Ute, Iowa; John Owens, Logan; John Vanarsdol,

Woodbine; Frank Roberts, Dunlap; Amsey Beedle, Woodbine; and I. F. Besaul, Magnolia.

HISTORY OF COMPANY C. 29th IOWA INFANTRY VOLUNTEERS

By B. F. Roberts
Ames, Iowa

Enrolled August 18, 1862, Magnolia, Iowa.
Mustered Out August 12, 1865, New Orleans, La.

In response to a call for volunteers, George S. Bacon of Magnolia was commissioned to muster a company of volunteers in Harrison County. On the eighteenth day of August, 1862, more than one hundred names were enrolled and the company was organized at Magnolia, Iowa, by electing Wm. W. Fuller, Captain; George S. Bacon, 1st Lieutenant; and Jos. H. Smith, 2d Lieutenant.

The following are the names as they appeared on the muster roll at that time:

From time to time by additional enlistments the following names were added:

Soon after the company was organized, an Indian massacre occurred at New Ulm, Minn. This caused considerable alarm along the northern border of Iowa and this company with one each from Mills and Pottawattamie counties was ordered to Sioux City. As no further demonstration on the part of the Indians occurred, the company after a short time was ordered to rendezvous at Camp Dodge, Council Bluffs.

Here, with companies from other counties in the state was organized a regiment and on the first day of December, the company from Harrison County was

mustered as Company C of the 29th Regiment, Iowa Infantry Volunteers. Thomas H. Benton was commissioned Colonel of the regiment; Robert F. Patterson, Lieutenant-Colonel, Charles B. Shoemaker, Major, and Joseph Lyman, Adjutant.

After being thoroughly drilled and equipped, the regiment proceeded to the front, reaching Columbus, Kentucky, Dec. 27, 1862. At this place the ranks of Company C were for the first time broken by the death of James Davis, who died Jan. 4, 1863. On reaching Helena, Arkansas, the regiment joined the expedition up White River, taking part in the capture of Duval's Bluff, Ark., Jan. 16th. Returning to Helena, the regiment camped in a cotton field south of the city. Here an epidemic of measles, accompanied by snow and unsanitary conditions, soon put almost the entire regiment on the sick list. At times there were not enough well to care for the sick and bury the dead. In consequence of sickness and exposure during the winter, many died or were discharged for disability.

Early in March, the regiment with its depleted ranks joined the famous expedition through the tortuous windings of Yazoo Pass into Moon Lake, thence through Cold Water and Tallahatchie Rivers arriving at Shell Mound, Miss., and taking part in the siege of Fort Pemberton.

The regiment returned then to Helena and on the early morning of July 4th, 1863, a Confederate force of upwards of ten thousand under General Holmes, consisting of the division of General Price, Walker, and Marmaduke made the attack on the little garrison at Helena. The garrison did not exceed four thousand effective men, yet they resisted the assaults of the enemy, which after many hours of hard fighting, withdrew from the field with a loss in killed, wounded, and prisoners nearly equal to the number engaged on the Union side. Anson F. Belden of Company C was the

first man wounded in the regiment and died later from the effects of his wound.

The regiment remained in Helena until Aug. 11, when it took up its line of march under Gen. Steele towards Little Rock, Arkansas. The weather being exceedingly dry and hot, the men suffered greatly from lack of water, and the intense heat caused many cases of sunstroke. So numerous were the prostrations that the ambulances were compelled to leave many by the roadside for hours. With the exception of minor light skirmishes, the march was unobstructed until we reached a point four miles below Little Rock. Here the Confederates, under Gen. Price were strongly fortified, but a threatened flank movement on the part of the Union forces caused him to evacuate his works and retreat beyond the city.

The regiment remained in Little Rock during the winter of 63-4 acting as a provo-guard in the city. March 23, the regiment forming a part of Gen. Steele's command, left Little Rock in a southwest direction. On the morning of April 2, the regiment, while acting as rear guard of a long supply train, was attacked near Terrenoir Creek by a force of Confederate cavalry under General Shelby. The quick and determined action on the part of the regiment held the enemy at bay until the arrival of reinforcements.

At Elkins Ford on the Little Missouri April 4th, the enemy was engaged, but with slight casualties to the regiment. They engaged the enemy at Prairie DeAnn, April 10, 11 and 12, and again on the 15th at Liberty Post Office. In the evening of the same day Camden was occupied and it was here we learned of the defeat of Gen. Banks on the Red River. The object of Steele's expedition being to co-operate with Banks at Shreveport, Louisiana, all further movement in that direction was abandoned.

It was also learned that the Confederate forces with whom Banks had contended were on their way to reinforce Gen. Price and attempt the annihilation of Steele's army. There was therefore but one alternative for Gen. Steele. A return to Little Rock was ordered. Without rations for men or teams, the retreat began, but on the morning of April 30 at Jenkins' Ferry on the Saline River the little remnant of Steele's army was overtaken by an overwhelming force. A line of battle was formed and charge after charge was made by the enemy upon the fast thinning ranks of the Union army. Each charge was repulsed to be renewed with fresh troops which were continually arriving. The battle continued until 4 P.M. and was brought to a close by the withdrawal of the enemy's troops.

Gen. Steele then crossed the Saline River, destroyed his pontoon bridges and continued his retreat, reaching Little Rock, his base of supplies, early in May. During this campaign, the loss in killed, wounded, and missing far exceeded that of any previous campaign.

In February, 1865, the regiment joined an expedition against Mobile, Ala., going by way of New Orleans, across the Gulf to Navy Cove, then overland to Spanish Fort, situated on Mobile Bay. The siege of Spanish Fort lasted 13 days, during which time the regiment was continually under fire from the fort. The fort was finally evacuated and the city surrendered, the 29th Regiment leading the column as they marched into the city.

The regiment also supported Gen. Steele in the charge and capture of Fort Blakelie on the Tombigbee River.

On the 13th of April, 1865, the regiment marched to a small railroad town north of Mobile, drove the enemy before them, capturing the rolling stock of the Mobile railroad. This was the last charge of the 29th Regiment and said to be the last one of the Civil War east of the Mississippi River.

From Mobile, the regiment sailed to Brazos, San Diego, Texas, and marched to the Rio Grande River, opposite Bagdad, Mexico. This move was in support of the Monroe Doctrine, as Maximilian, under Napoleon attempted to conquer Mexico.

The War being now ended the regiment was mustered out at New Orleans August 12, 1865.

Survivors 50 years later who gathered on August 18th, 1912 were: John A. Benjamin, Marshalltown, Ia.; Isaac F. Bedsaul, Magnolia, Ia.; Amsey Beedle, Logan, Ia.; Ethel P. Brown, Charter Oak, Ia.; Thomas W. Chatburn, Independence, Mo.; O.H.P. Cook, Esbon, Kan.; John H. Darting, Mo. Valley, Ia.; A.B.M. Ellis, Mo. Valley, Ia.; John H. Ellis, Little Sioux, Ia.; Wm. W. Frazier, Mo. Valley, Ia.; Milton H. Greenfield, Grand Junction, Colo.; Francis T. Hill, Mo. Valley, Ia.; Alexis M. Huff, Lawton, Okla.; William Lyman, Rupert, Id.; Richard Morgareidge, Buffalo Gap, S. D.; John H. Noyes, Santa Cruz, Cal.; Hugh Neely, Mapleton, Ia.; Chas. W. Oden, Little Sioux, Ia.; James Owens, Logan, Ia.; John M. Perkins, Ann Arbor, Mich.; B.F. Roberts, Ames, Ia.; John W. Reed, Ute, Ia.; Samuel M. Tarkington, Ohio City, Colo.; John Vanarsdall; Albert Walkefield, Washington, D.C.; Charles Young, Norfolk, Neb.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Magnolia, Iowa July 12, 1883

Soldiers met for the purpose of organizing a post. Commander Guilford being present, we proceeded to affect an organization.

The initiation fees for Charter members was fixed at \$1.50, and for those that were transferred, at \$1.50. Dan Leonard and D. D. Jacobs not being present, their fees were advanced by A.I. Cutler and Henry Weed.

The members were then initiated and instructed in passwords.

Post then proceeded to the election of officers. The following votes were cast for Commander: J.H. Rice, 4 votes; C.H. Holmes, 13 votes. John Dewell was elected Senior Vice Commander, and F.D. Palmer, Junior Vice Commander. On motion, rules were suspended and balance elected by acclamation: for Post Surgeon, L.D. Brown; for Chaplain, J. H. Rice; for Quartermaster, Henry Weed; for Officer of the Day, A.I. Cutler; for Officer of the Guard, A.N. Oviatt.

A.I. Cutler tendered his resignation as Officer of the Day. D.C. Clark was chosen Sergt. Major, and D.P. McDonald, Quartermaster Sergeant.

Post then proceeded to choice of a name by ballot. John Dewell proposed the name of Rice, after Comrade James Rice, and A.I. Cutler proposed the name of Bedsaul, after Comrade Oliver M. Bedsaul. Rice received eight votes and Bedsaul, nine. There being no further business, Post closed in form to meet first Friday after each full moon.

(signed) A.I. Cutler, Adjt.

Thus the Bedsaul Post No. 202 of the Grand Army of the Republic was established July 12, 1883 and minutes of a meeting dated February, 1904, indicates that the Post remained active at least until that time, as a "resolution was passed to draw an order on the Quartermaster for \$2.50 to pay for wood delivered." Also a list of officers that were installed as follows: W.T. Worth, Commander; D.D. Brown, Senior Commander; D.C. Clark, Junior Commander; A. N. Oviatt, Officer of the Day; R. M. Leach, Officer of the Guard; and Chas. Wheelock, Quartermaster. The minutes of October 10, 1883, include a statement that

"committee to procure room made report as follows, that they could procure one of the lower rooms in the Methodist Church for the sum of \$24.00 a year. Committee instructed to procure said room and have contract drawn up for same."

WOMEN' RELIEF CORPS

Bedsaul Corps No. 293-Department of Iowa-Woman's Relief Corps. Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. Names of those given all Charter members:

Mrs. Cornelia A. Oviatt
Mrs. Sarah Leach
Mrs. Esther A. Clark
Mrs. May Bedsaul
Mrs. Anna O'Hara
Mrs. Emma Brown
Mrs. Bessie E. Dewell
Mrs. Caroline S. Emmerson

Miss Carrie A. Emmerson (Daughter)
Mrs. Sarah Blanchard
Mrs. Nellie Cutler
Mrs. Hannah E. Norris
Mrs. Lodoiska P. Coddington
Mrs. Elspa Hoon
Mrs. Elizabeth Wheelock
Mrs. Mitilda Radtke
Mrs. Nanie Mae Parshall-Spires
Mrs. Jennie Holden
Mrs. Jennie Mills
Mrs. Nancy White
Mrs. Mary Jane Weed
Mrs. Ellen Main
Mrs. Nancy Jennette Clark-O'Hara
Mrs. Lizzie Arnold

Charter members organized by Mrs. Clara A. Davis of Missouri Valley, Iowa, October 13, 1894.

Service Organizations

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS HARRISON LODGE NO. 703

Charter Members 1903: W. W. Pett (Pelt)

L. Brown
C. W. Spires
Frank Brown
Hewey Spires
A.C. Buffum



Rebekahs and Odd Fellows organizations were very active in Magnolia for a number of years. This Rebekah Lodge 551 entry was in the 1951 parade.

Names of Co. C. 29th Iowa Vol.

William Agens
Thomas Anderson
Jacob Antibus
J. L. Armstrong
Alexander Barr
Joseph Baxter
I. F. Bedsaul
Henry O. Beebe

Amsey Beedle
Anson F. Belden
John A. Benjamin
Harrison Billiter
James Bird
William H. Bourn
William P. Boyd
James H. Brace
Ethel P. Brown
James Christian
O.H.P. Cook
Wycliffe B. Copeland

Wm. H. Cornine
John H. Darting
James Davis
Benjamin Denice
Lewis Detsall
John G. Downs
Michael Doyle
A.B.M. Ellis
Clark Ellis
John H. Ellis
John R. Ellis
John R. Ennis
Lindly M. Evans
P. D. Evans
George H. Fouts
James C. Frazier
William W. Frazier
Milton H. Greenfield
William H. Hale
George W. Hedge
Theodore Helmer

C. M. Hendrickson
James Hester
Francis T. Hill
William H. Hobbs
William H. Jones
Abraham Kime
John M. Kinnis
Lyman Lewis
Jacob S. Lightell
Jackson McCauley
L. H. McWilliams
Wm. Mahoney
George Main
William Martin
John W. Mecham
Richard Morgaridge
Hugh Neeley

Rudolph Neitzsch
John H. Noyes
Charles W. Oden
James Owens
Leander Patch
John M. Perkins
William W. Potter
Martin Potter
John W. Reed
Henry B. Reel
Marion Richardson
Milton Richardson
Henry Riffle
William Rinehart
James Ritchison
Walter Ritchison
Albert F. Roberts
Benjamin F. Roberts
John M. Rogers
David Romings
George A. Ross
Eugene R. Scofield
Martin L. Spire
John W. Stocker
Calvary S. Stowell

John R. Sullins
Samuel M. Tarkington
William B. Tarkington
John Thompson
John Vanarsdall
Albert Wakefield
Warren White
Benjamin Wharton
Charles E. Wills
Erastus Wills
Lowery Wilson
Davis W. Work
Daniel Yapple
Charles Young
David D. Young

added enlistments

James T. Barnett
John F. Bryan
Thomas W. Chatburn
James T. DeField
William H. Eaton
Henry George
Emmett Harvey
Alexis M. Huff
Lloyd Jenkins
James Jones
Theodore P. Kellogg
Elijah Kent
Joseph Kessler
Charles Krepps
John Krepps
Serenio Lyman
William Lyman
William Miller
James Monroe
Henry C. Morrill
Benjamin Morris
James A. Smith
John Welch
William T. Wild
John M. Wills

RED CROSS

There was a Red Cross organization in Magnolia during the First World War. The following are some notes taken from the diary of Mrs. A. N. Oviatt on the Red Cross activities.

January 5, Met with Mrs. McDowell, did lots of work and very little talking, with 30 present. More boys telegraphed they were "safe in France". When a member gives \$1 they received a pin.

March 23, Red Cross collecting and packing wearing apparel for the poor French and Belgians. People contributed very liberally.

May 2, Turned in my 20th pair of socks.

May 11, Lots of stuff boxed today for the Red Cross. All members bought Liberty Bonds. Made buttonholes on little garments for the Belgian children. Twenty-five pairs of socks were mine.

September 7, Packed 35 pairs of socks and wristlets

February, Attended Red Cross meeting. Twenty were present and working diligently. Word came for us to double our output. Can't be "did", seems to me.

September 13, 1918, General John J. Pershing's 58th birthday. It was celebrated here with a fine parade for this little town. A goodly number of automobiles and a long line of marchers led by the Red Cross with red cross and white cap and armlets, 270 school children with three teachers in charge. The knitters car, in which I rode (with our knitting in hand) with Mrs. Lenz and Grandma McFee. The notice in large letters on the back of the car, "Grandma McFee is finishing her 100th pair of socks." The parade formed in a hollow square in the center of town, sang "The Star Spangled Banner", Mr. McDowell read an article on our soldiers and spoke also when the procession started, and went to the school house and broke. Speaking in the school house auditorium was the Rev. Hargrove of Logan, and it was a patriotic address. Good singing, all went fine. We won \$3 as a prize for the best decorated car.

December, Attended Red Cross workroom. Making warm vests for soldiers in Siberia. We are working on them every Red Cross day.

December 23, 1918, Soldier Charlie Gilkerson came home from Camp Saturday night at three in the morning. Awfully muddy and he walked and ran from Logan. Glad he's home.

February 26, Ninety-seven more young men left Logan this morning for training at Camp Dodge, Des Moines.

AMERICAN LEGION

NEVILLE O'HARA POST 612

Neville O'Hara Post No. 612 of the American Legion received its charter on November 10, 1922. Members were men who had served in World War I. Their Motto was "Service to God and Country." Their purpose is best expressed in the preamble to their constitution: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

In September, 1946, the name of the Magnolia local unit was changed to O'Hara-Seeley Unit No. 612. It was named

after two Magnolia soldiers who have given their lives for our freedom. Neville O'Hara who died in W.W.I and James Seeley who died in W.W. II. In 1951, O'Hara-Seeley Unit purchased the historic brick building which originally was Harrison County's first courthouse. In 1875 the location of the county seat was changed to Logan. The brick building was used by the Methodist Church; the Legion and Auxiliary have remodeled it for use as the Legion Hall. At present the unit has 35 members. Officers are Commander, Carl Michael and Adjutant, Rex Coffman.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

A meeting for the purpose of organizing an Auxiliary was called by Allen Neiman, Post Commander, on Dec. 23, 1922. The event that prompted such a meeting was a homecoming for the boys. A dinner was served at the Odd Fellows Hall. The meeting followed. Mrs. Mary Virginia MacRea, Department President, was present to help organize.

The permanent charter was issued at Indianapolis, August 25, 1923. It was countersigned by Carrie Hunter, Department President of Iowa, and Esther Kennedy, Department Secretary, on September 3, 1923.

American Legion Neville O'Hara Post No. 612 Auxiliary received its charter in 1922. Their purpose was to aid the Legion organization in attaining their projects. In 1946 the Legion and Auxiliary name was changed to O'Hara-Seeley Post No. 612.

Charter members, or early members were:

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Miss Marie Herman (Kerston)
Mrs. Godfrey Anderson
Mrs. Effie Brown
Mrs. Bertha Cohrs
Miss Alma Geith (McCurley)
Mrs. Kate Geith
Mrs. W. C. Geith
Mrs. Chas. Gilkerson
Mrs. Phoebe Gilkerson
Mrs. Clara Grosvenor
Mrs. I. C. Grosvenor

Mrs. Wm. Vogel
Mrs. Elsie Hansen
Mrs. Wm. Herman
Mrs. Amos Kersten
Mrs. Kate Kilts
Mrs. Henry Maaske
Mrs. Hilda Maaske
Mrs. Wm. (Lena) Maaske
Mrs. Herman (Anna) Plath
Mrs. Wm. Plath
Mrs. Laura Radtke
Mrs. Herman Sehlke



Shown is the 50th Anniversary Legion Auxiliary float in the Old Settlers parade in 1970.



This building is the meeting hall of the O'Hara-Seeley Post of the American Legion and Auxiliary.



"Freedom Takes Courage" was the theme of the American Legion float in 1969.

The Magnolia organization at the present time has 29 members. Eligible for membership are mothers, wives, daughters, and sisters of members of the American Legion. Its motto is "Service Through Unity." Areas of service are: Community Service, Child Welfare, Rehabilitation, Americanism, and Education. The unit contributes to the various state and veterans' hospital needs. Poppy orders give disabled veterans occupational therapy and through Poppy distribution it is possible to carry this service to the veterans. The Auxiliary plans a memorial service in the cemetery each Memorial Day, helps stock the Christmas Gift Shop in Veterans' Hospital, and helps with the annual party for veterans at Clarinda. They also make the Legion Hall available for community use.

OFFICERS FOR 1973-74:

Frieda Radtke, President
Belle Coffman, Vice President
Velma Radloff, Secretary
Mary Gilkerson, Treasurer

OFFICERS FOR 1975:

Belle Coffman, President
Mary Gilkerson, Vice President
Velma Radloff, Secretary
Hilda Cutler, Treasurer

DECEASED PROTESTANT VETERANS IN MAGNOLIA CEMETERY

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC (GAR)

Jacob Arbaugh
Jacob Beaman
Ely C. Beaman
I. F. Bedsaul
Oliver Bedsaul
John M. Bell
Joe A. Bird
Calvin Broughton
Luther D. Brown
Daniel Clark
Jon Darrell
Wm. E. Davis
Jas. T. Donnelson
Michael Doyle
Wm. H. Eaton
Fred W. Ehlert
Jas. Emmerson
W. B. Keith

Gustav Koehn
 Jas. Lancaster
 Robert Leach
 Sylvester Linn
 J. J. Lizer
 J. C. Lloyd
 George Madison
 George Main
 Joe McCollum
 D. P. McDonald
 Freely W. Myers
 John D. Norris
 Jas. H. O'Haro
 Almon Oviatt
 Wm. Oviatt
 Alma Patterson
 Wm. Radtke
 Jas. Scales
 W. A. Schacklett
 John Scott
 Austin Seeley
 Henry Sehlke
 John M. Stowell
 Jno. Thompson
 J. B. Wallace
 John Wallace
 Henry Weed
 J. J. C. Weldon
 Chas. Wheelock
 W. T. Worth

WAR OF 1812

Lucius Raymond

SPANISH AMERICAN WAR

Asa D. Akers
 Merton W. Cress
 Albert Girton
 Claud Wilbur

WORLD WAR I

Herbert Alexander
 Raymond F. Allison
 Jessie Arbaugh
 Wm. Lester Arbaugh
 Lloyd B. Arndt
 Robert Bailey
 Bryant Beaman
 Arthur Bice
 Dr. Peter Blair
 Harry E. Block
 Howard Brinker
 George Broughton
 John S. Carbaugh
 Earl Chas. Coffman
 Homer Coffman
 Mrs. Nellie P. Crain
 John Downs

Ward Edwards
 Oscar Erixon
 Howard Evans
 Chas. Fowler
 Lloyd Girton
 Lauren Goodman
 Williard Grosvenor
 Carl Harrington
 Herbert A. Herman
 Alva Herrington

Hiram Hiles
 Roscoe Hilton
 Virgil Hilton
 Frederick J. Hinkel
 Eugene Hoff
 Harry Hosman
 Amos Kersten
 Fred L. Kilts
 Harry Kilts
 Fred L. Larison
 Allen Andrew Layton
 Frank Little
 Frank G. Maaske
 Alfred Mahoney
 Harold F. McCauley
 Dr. T. McFarland
 John Massey
 Louis Michael
 David L. Morrow
 Bruce Norris
 Victor Norris
 Neville O'Hara
 Jessie James Oviatt
 Clarence Peasley
 Walter Pegg
 Miles Raymond
 Victor Sandstrom
 Chas Scharff
 Capt. J. W. Severance
 Geo. A. Shannon
 Ray O. Stebbins
 Richard Swanson
 Jno. Thomas
 Lloyd Tufly
 Lloyd Vittitoe
 Walter Vittitoe
 Fred Vogel
 Geo. A. Winther
 James Winther
 Mark Weldon

WORLD WAR II

Kenneth Armstrong
 John R. Baker
 Donald S. Baldwin
 Kenneth Curtis Baldwin
 Dwight Barnett
 Dale Brownmiller
 Henry Dierks
 Robert W. Edwards
 Fred C. Hillman
 Lt. Lloyd Kersten
 Everett L. Kilts
 Kenneth Maule
 Gene McCarty
 Robert Mintun
 Charley W. Moore
 John Willis Moore
 Arthur Peasley
 Roy E. Rhoten
 James Seeley
 Ross Skinner, Jr.
 Darrell A. Small
 Geo. Spencer
 Major Ivan Thomas
 Frederick Unmack
 Albert Zaiser

KOREAN WAR

Gareth Dale Breyfogle
 Leland Hodges
 Clarence Ellwood Jeffers

VIET NAM WAR

Sgt. Davis L. Brandenburg
 Sp. 4 Gary J. Earleywine

Charter members of the Neville
 O'Hara Post 612 Auxiliary

DECEASED CATHOLIC VETERANS IN MAGNOLIA CEMETERY

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC (GAR)

James Bird
 William Brooks
 Cyrus E. Cross
 Frank Duhigg
 James McGookin
 Patrick Kirlin
 Terry McCabe
 Con McLaughlin
 Patrick McHugh
 Hugh Stewart

WORLD WAR I

Bernard Doyle
 Harry Evers
 Eugene Kennedy
 Frank J. Kennedy
 Maurice Kennedy
 Frank Kerger
 Bernard McCabe
 Joseph P. McCauley
 Peter McHugh
 Charles Nelson
 Charles E. O'Connor
 Leo Schwertley

SPANISH AMERICAN

Wm. J. McCauley

WORLD WAR II

Leo H. Damm
 Bernard Fountain
 James Kelly
 Walter McCabe
 Bernard R. Rogers
 Leo E. Schaeffer
 Francis Stolz

KOREAN

Francis Patrick Buffum
 Philip A. Spooner

VIET NAM

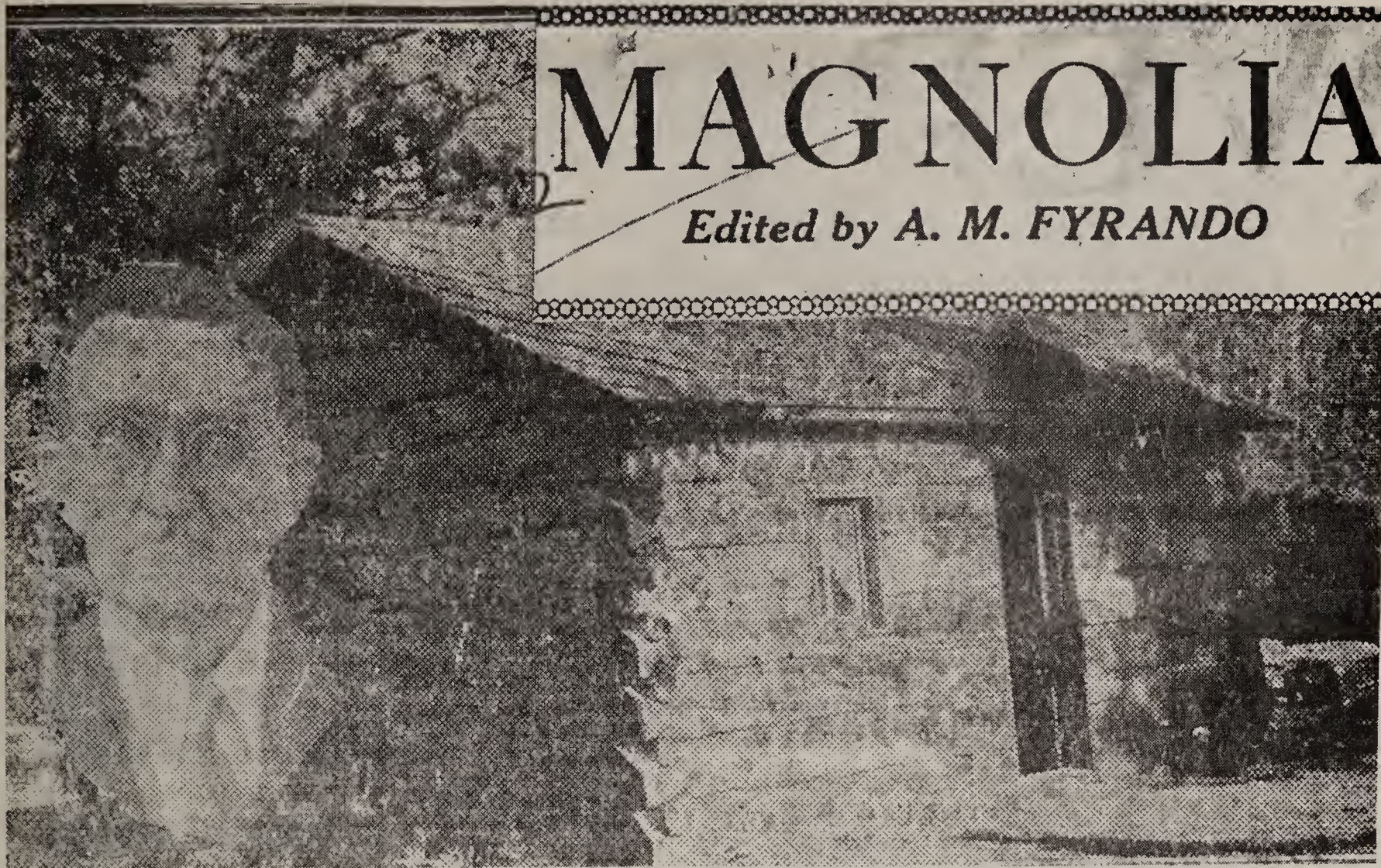
Delbert Peterson

WAR UNKNOWN

Joseph McCouley
 Paul McCouley
 John McHugh

MAGNOLIA

Edited by A. M. FYRANDO



Log Cabin

The Log Cabin was built in the Magnolia Park due to the foresight of A.M. Fyrando who also wrote the Magnolia

news column for many years. His writings were very descriptive and a delight to read.

HISTORY OF THE LOG CABIN

In 1926 Alma F. Fyrando, secretary of the Old Settlers Association for many years, conceived the idea of building a log cabin in the Magnolia park for the purpose of making it a county memorial to its pioneers and early settlers.

Early descendants furnished every log except three that went into the making. The brick for the fireplace and the west door of the cabin were taken from the Old Magnolia High School building. Workers gave of their time, help and trucking in the construction. Many others contributed funds. The ladies of the community were valiant in furnishing food for the workers.

The cabin was completed on July 16, 1926, and was dedicated at an impressive and interesting ceremony on August 26, 1926, the 42nd annual Old Settlers meeting.

The north side of the cabin was used as a back ground for some of the more interesting exhibits. A sculptured head of Abraham Lincoln was displayed with the wording "From Log Cabin to White House," a large picture of Daniel Brown, first settler, who came to the county in 1847, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Vincent who came in 1848 and Newell Dwight Hillis, one of Harrison County's favorite sons and a Magnolia boy; also a roster of Co. C of the 29th Iowa

Volunteer Infantry-- Harrison County's own company in the Civil War. Prayer was offered by Rev. Henry DeLong of Council Bluffs, who preached in Magnolia in the early sixties. Mrs. L. D. Willett of Woodbine, sister of Newell Dwight Hillis, and Mrs. A. K. McGavern of Missouri Valley gave short talks, and the Log Cabin and its contents became the property of Harrison county for all time.

During the day 3,273 people registered as having passed through the cabin and many other did not register. Nineteen states were represented in the registration. Julia Vincent, first white female child born in the county in 1848, was present for the dedication.

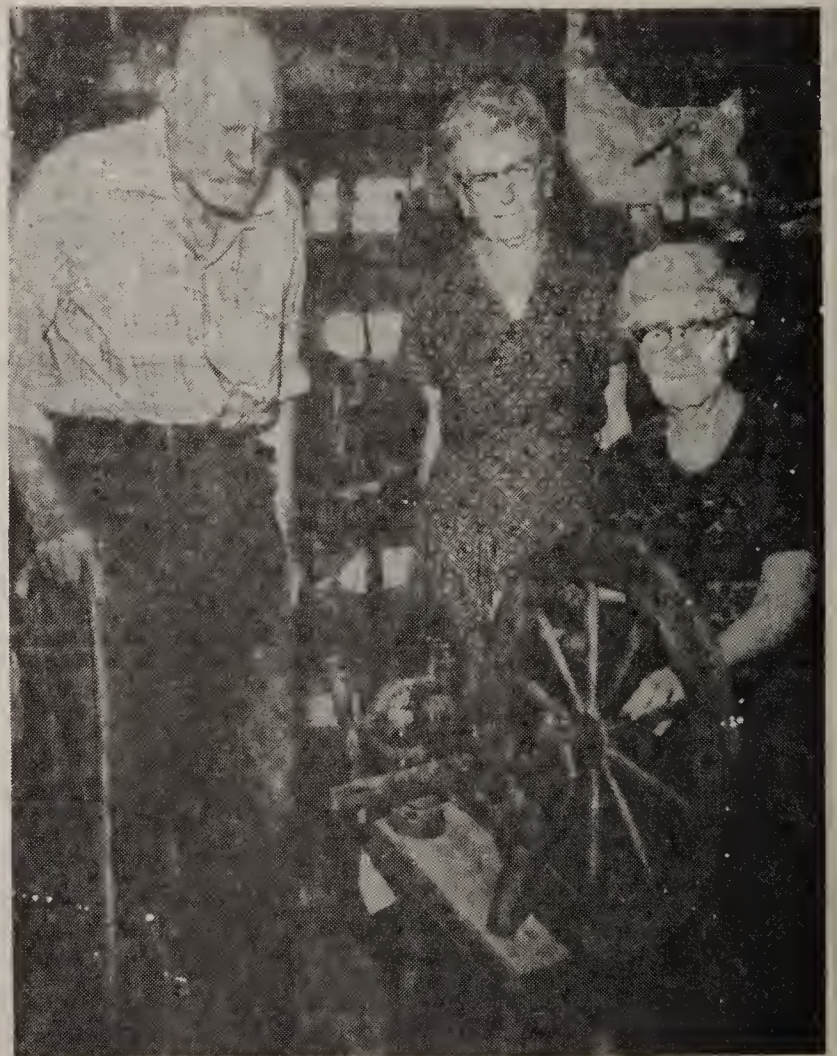
Many relics were brought to the cabin, most having been used in the building of our county, and are priceless for their antiquity and sentiment. The exhibit has been added to through the years-- so much in fact, that more space is needed to properly display them.

The Log Cabin has been open for viewing on Old Settlers Day each year and will be opened for visitors at other times. Plans are being made to have the Log Cabin open each Sunday afternoon for the summer months of this Bicentennial year.



A group of those men whose work made the Log Cabin possible. Edd Said, Bert Scales, James Maule, Fred Maule, Clarence Maule, Jay Kilts, William Case, Charles Johnson,

Reuben Johnson, Hollan Wade, Daniel Brown, Frank Bedsaul, and one unidentified.



Shown are Henry Cutler, Charlie Cutler, Florence Cutler and Mrs. Ruby Swalley (all deceased) before the 75th Old Settlers celebration. All of them attended the first Old Settlers Day.



Florence Thomas is shown inside the Log Cabin which she took care of for many years.

SOME OF THE RELICS OF THE LOG CABIN

There is a flag in the log cabin with a unique history. It was hand made by Mrs. Robert McGavren and neighbor ladies in 1861. They gave it to 20 boys who had enlisted in the famous 29th Infantry of Iowa, which originated in Magnolia. J. J. Brookhouser carried the flag in the first wagon in the Civil War. Later it was kept in the McGavren home until it was placed in the log cabin. The last two survivors of those 20 men were Elias Owens of Logan and J. J. Brookhouser of Missouri Valley.

A sword in the cabin was carried by Erastus Meech in the War of 1812. It was also carried by him as aide-de-camp to LaFayette when he visited America in 1824. The Magnolia Lodge A.F. and A.M. bought it in 1861 and placed it in the log cabin when it was built.

A dulcimer, musical instrument prior to the piano, brought to Harrison County by George S. Bacon. Given by the James Hardy family.

A spinning wheel donated by Mrs. Mary Sehlke.

A brick by H. B. Whitehouse, from one of Brigham Young's homes near Salt Lake City, Utah.

Chair made by J. B. Akers in 1866, from the W. F. Walker family and another by W. H. Wright.

Hoop skirt with bustle worn in 1876 by Mrs. C. E. Cutler.

Ballot box--first one used in Harrison County in 1853. Brought to the county in 1852. Donated by the Hardys.

Harrison County History written by Joe H. Smith. Donated by Thad Smith.

Mortar and Pestle. In the Merchant family over 100 years. Given by Jennie Geith.

Colt's Navy Revolver. Carried in the Civil War by A. N. Oviatt.

Mantel for fireplace from Donald Maule log cabin. Donated by the Maul Family.

Andirons from Isaac Bedsaul pioneer home. They were brought here from Indiana and put in place in cabin by Frank Bedsaul, a grandson.

These and many other relics and treasures from the homes of pioneers were brought to the cabin and valued for their antiquity.

Old Settlers

HISTORY OF OLD SETTLERS

It was on August 25, 1885, that the first Old Settler's meeting was held in Magnolia. Crowds gathered from far and near in the beautiful grove surrounding the school house.

Perhaps the most remarkable meeting ever held in the county was this first gathering of the pioneers to renew friendships and talk over early day hardships. Hon. Phineas Cadwell was president and Judge King and Judge Ford addressed the meeting.

To fully understand the interest of such a meeting, it must be remembered that Magnolia, from 1853 to 1870, was the only town in the county to speak of. It was the center of official power, the center of trade and commerce, and its schools and churches were the pride of the county. Such was Magnolia in her palmy days, and the year the first Old Settlers Day was held.

So the pioneers came, and since that time, Old Settlers has been an historic event, a day to anticipate and a day to remember with nostalgia.

Some of the names of pioneers even now, are still familiar: James Hardy, Lucius Merchant, Isaac Bedsaul, C.I. Cutler, Jonas Chatburn, Stephen Mahoney, Jerome Seeley, Daniel Brown, and many others. Their descendants continue to keep up the traditional Old Settlers Reunion by coming each year, some from a great distance. Only two years are known to have been missed, one in 1943 because of food and gas rationing in World War II, and in 1948 when a polio epidemic was prevalent in the county.

A. M. Fyrando was secretary and treasurer of the association for 47 years, from 1893 to 1941. Alice Lenz was named to succeed him and served until 1945. Secretaries since then have been Frances Coffman, Ruby Field, Hilda Cutler, Anna Sewell, Harold Hanson, Shirley Michael, Rosemary McFee, and Elsie Foland.

A log cabin was built in the park in 1926 and dedicated to the memory of the pioneers on Old Settlers Day, August 26.

In 1946 a parade was instituted and it has grown from year to year. Also, in 1946 a cement floor was laid in the park for dances and other entertainment.

In 1953 the town of Magnolia celebrated its Centennial year in conjunction with the 67th annual Old Settlers picnic.

The following persons have served as Old Settler's Presidents: 1885, Phineas Cadwell; 1887, Dr. Silas Rice; 1889, Judge D. E. Brainard; 1927, Mary Arthur Humphrey; 1928, S. R. DeCou; 1929, Bob Oliver; 1933, Dr. E. T. Giddings; 1936, O. B. Walker; 1942, D.A. Van Cleave; 1943, W. L. Yeaman; 1946, Mrs. Marie Klutts; 1947, Geraldine Brinker (VanNess); 1949, Elsie Foland; 1950, Howard Seeley; 1951, Kenneth Cutler; 1952, Stoker Earleywine; 1953-54, L.J. Freymuller; 1955-56, Lloyd Polen; 1957, Ross Gochenour; 1958, Frank Reardon; 1959, V. D. Foland; 1960, Jim Diggins; 1961, Shirley Michael; 1962, Dale Michael; 1963, Tom Skinner; 1964, Tom Withem; 1965-66, Herman Michael; 1967, Janice Cates; 1968, Darlene Lamberson; 1969, Erma Bedsaul; 1970, Sondra Straight; 1971, Dorrance Peterson; 1972, Gary Christians; 1973, Vern Edris; 1974-75, Jim Rider; and 1976, Kay Jean Freymuller.



This is a photo of a very early Old Settlers Day. You can see the creamery and then looking northeast the top of the Old Magnolia High School.



This photo shows the Old Settlers crowd on August 25, 1910.



The Miss Magnolia float in the 1949 parade. Pictured are Connie Smith, Esther Gochenour, and Thelma Bedsaul.



Hap Foland drives his "made over Ford" in the Old Settlers Parade in 1961.



NOTES OF INTEREST FROM PAST OLD SETTLERS DAYS

In 1915, Merne Johnson of Logan gave a declamation on "War and Public Opinion" at the afternoon program.

In 1927, Invocation was given by the Rev. Ralph Edwards, then of Helena, Mont. Rev. F. D. Birchard led the Magnolia chorus.

1931, Billy Epperson gave a reading. Duane Swalley was one of a quartet from a radio station in Kansas City, Mo., that performed.

In 1933, Judge J. A. Murray of Logan gave the address.

1935, the 50th anniversary of Old Settlers was observed.

1936, Old Settlers celebration was held in Fallon's timber instead of the park. It was a hot dry year. A big rain in early evening broke the drouth and cancelled activities.

1937, Rev. C. J. Henderson gave the invocation. A vocal trio - Negro spirituals by Donnabelle, Walter and Frederick Oviatt. Tap dancing by five little girls sponsored by Mrs. Ralph Geith. Male quartet, Gilbert Hobson, Stephen and Harvey Fifield and Roger Schmidt of Logan.

1939, on Old Settlers day there was a reunion of the class of 1897 pupils of Prof. J. D. Hornby and Prof. J. M. Ireland. It was held at the home of Jennie Lawrence. Most of them had been her pupils also.

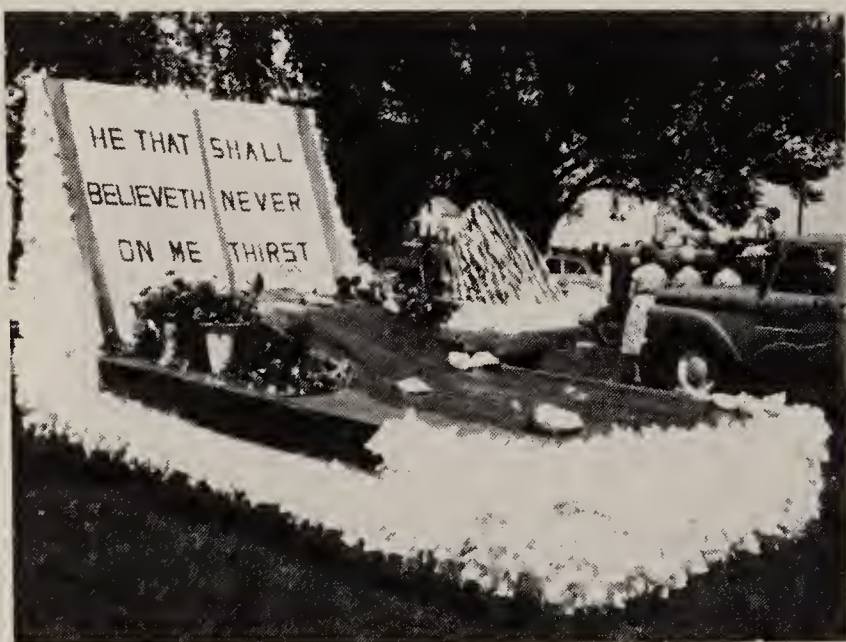
1942, concert by Missouri Valley high school band and a whistling solo by Eldon Rashleigh. C. E. Johnson was given an award for having attended the most Old Settlers Day picnics.

1944, W. L. Yeaman of Logan delivered the address.

1946, a cement floor was laid in the park for the pupose of having dances as a means of raising money for the association. Men in the community donated their time, work and trucking and the ladies served lunches. Many in the vicinity gave money to finance the project.

1950, a three day baseball tournament was held and the final game played on Old Settlers day.

1952, the Haden Family of TV fame played to a capacity crowd for the evening free acts.



The Zion Lutheran Church float which tied with the Methodist float in 1963.

1953, the court house in Logan closed for the afternoon of Old Settlers day in observance of Magnolia's centennial.

1954, Luff Payne of Council Bluffs, former Magnolia teacher, was the speaker.

1958, Ben Jensen, U. S. congressman, was the afternoon speaker and presented a flag to the town that had flown over the U. S. Capitol.



The United Methodist Church float which tied for first place in 1963.

1963, Charles F. Putman was the afternoon speaker. Receiving awards were Susan Harper, oldest lady; W. N. Graves, the oldest man; Fred Barkhoff, longest time resident of the county, 88 years, and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hawes the couple married the longest time.

1967, Herman Menching, former Magnolia boy, was the speaker.

1968, the Old Settlers Ass'n. had cook books printed with favorite recipes of the community. To date over 1,500 books have been sold.

1969, Thursday, the traditional day for Old Settlers, was changed to Saturday. Times have changed since the "old days" and conditions are so different. Many working in Omaha or other towns could not attend and it was becoming more difficult to get a carnival for any certain day.

1971, it was estimated that 2,000 people were served a free barbequed pork dinner on Old Settlers Day after the parade. Watermelon and cider were served by the Worth Orchard people the evening before.

1974, Old Settlers was held in the evening only, starting at 5 o'clock. This was due to severe drouth and excessive heat. A good program and dance were held.

1975, Frank Maule of Missouri Valley, age 90, was the oldest man present at the 89th Old Settlers. He had attended the first Old Settlers gathering in 1885 when a small child.

1976, the new officers for 1976 are Kay Jean Freymuller, president; Karen Benedickt, vice president; Elsie Foland and Jenna Shreeves, co-secretaries, and Audrey Girton, treasurer.

PARADE HI-LIGHTS

Magnolia's first Old Settlers Parade was held in 1946. There were 35 entries led by the Beebeetown band.

In 1949, a "Miss Magnolia" contest was held. The contestants sold tickets to a benefit dance for votes. Esther Gochenour (Michael) was named queen of the celebration, with Connie Boetcher (Smith) and Thelma Miller (Bedsaul) close runners-up. These three rode on the welcome float in the parade. Others competing were Dorothy Herman, Ilene Arbaugh and Delores Epperson.

In 1952, a tribute to Dr. F. H. Hanson was in the form of a bassinet in the parade commemorating his 50 years service

Magnolia Centennial - 1953

REVIEW OF MAGNOLIA'S CENTENNIAL



A stage coach representing how the mail was brought to Magnolia in the 1800's.

in the community. Robert Coppock was the first baby he ushered into the world on July 3, 1901.

One of Magnolia's best and longest parades was in 1953 for the Centennial. An added bit of humor was the trick Model T. Ford entered by the Shriners of Sioux City.

In 1955 the "80 Club" was named as an addition to the parade. A feature of historic interest was the jeep furnished by the White Motor Co. of Harlan. It was used by Gen. Eisenhower during his sojourn in Europe in World War II. Mr. White purchased it there while in the service. Others riding in it had been the late Ernest Hemingway and Ernie Pyle. Mr. White drove it in the parade at Abilene, Kan. when Mr. Eisenhower opened his Presidential campaign.

In 1957 Catherine Reardon, County Dairy Princess was featured in the parade. One of the hi-lights was the huge brown Swiss steer weighing 2,500 pounds, pulling a cart that came from Korea. It was owned by Jerry Fisher of Whiting.

In 1959 the Offut Air Force Band of Omaha marched in the parade and gave a concert later-- also the Elk Savoy Drum and Bugle Corps of Sioux City.

In 1961 the 75th Diamond Anniversary of Old Settlers was celebrated. Lynda Dartman was voted "Miss Jubilee". She sold the most tickets to the benefit dance and rode on the Jubilee float in the parade. Other contestants were Patti Epperson, Teresa Ruffcorn, Kathy Buffum, Sandra Hall and Carol Aronson. They rode on the Welcome float.

In 1969 three entries - horses and buggy, stage coach and a car represented the three modes of mail transportation to Magnolia from past to present.

A familiar entry in the parade each year from 1954 to 1967 was Hap Foland and his "Old Settlers" Model T. Ford which was a hobby of his. The Shriners of Manning, Ia., bought it to use in their parades.

A note of appreciation goes to the O'Hara-Seeley Legion Post color guard for their faithfulness in heading the parade each year. Also to Sheriff Louie Allstot in the lead on horseback and to the late Sheriffs, Harold Imrie, and Sam Strain and the LoMa marching band.

Magnolia was 100 years old in 1953 and celebrated it's Centennial at Old Settlers time that year, on August 6.

1953 was a year to commemorate 100 years of history, enterprise and astounding growth. Life in those early days had been rugged but not without its pleasant features and neighborly good will.

Little did the pioneer of 1853 dream of Harrison County as it was viewed in 1953. A large crowd thronged Magnolia for this Centennial event. Old time costumes were the vogue of the day and beards were in style, for what would a Centennial be without whiskers? (They were a novelty then but wouldn't be now in 1976).

High lighting the day was the big parade of 75 entries, led by Sheriff Imrie, the American Legion and Magnolia marching school band, under the direction of Flo Attebury, music instructor. Included in the parade were the Civil War float and numerous other centennial entries as well as many beautiful floats. A trick Model T car from the Shriners, Sioux City, was entered by Hap Foland. The judges were Ruth Wade, Russell Johnson and Albert Michael.

Added features were a horse drawn hearse, eight white Albino horses and a stage coach. These horses were from the famous White Horse Ranch of Naper, Neb. They have appeared at Madison Square Garden in New York City, the National Horse Show, Harrisburg, Va., Sidney Rodeo and Playland Park. They also featured the evening's entertainment of free acts at the park, performing the Liberty Act. They were presented by four girls from the Girls' Camp at Naper.

L. J. Freymuller was president of Old Settlers that year and gave the address of welcome at the afternoon program which followed a concert by the Magnolia School band. The invocation was by Howard Seeley and the featured speaker was Dr. H. A. Merchant of Omaha, descendant of a Magnolia pioneer. Musical numbers were by Warren Michael and Billy Herman, and Corinne and Bruce Norris. Danny Forde gave a reading.

Following the horse acts in the evening, free acts included a square dance with seven sets of local couples wearing costumes in keeping with the historical theme. Some of the clothing was nearly 100 years old.

A capacity crowd gathered for the evening entertainment and the dance that climaxed the day. "Skeets" Mahoney of Omaha, another pioneer descendant, furnished the music.



A large crowd was on hand for the Centennial celebration as shown at the Town Pump.



The Whiskers Club for the Magnolia Centennial in 1953 were: (Front row) Jim Reardon, Frank Reardon, Gayle Foland, Fred Vogel, Lauren Kersten, Alma Buffum, Leroy Freymuller, Willard Grosvenor, and Lee Teague. (Back

row) Theron Geith, Jerry Golden, Maurice Foland, Hap Foland, Vern Geith, Fred Unmack, Howard Niles, Ardo McFee, Pete Kilts, and Walter Godden.



Mr. and Mrs. Lee Teague, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Polen, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Herman with a wagon entitled "Going to Magnolia 1853."



The Old Settlers picnic is always a day to talk over the good old days. Two of Magnolia's oldest citizens (now deceased) are Charlie Johnson and Asa Akers shown visiting in 1953.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bedsaul and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hiller and daughter, Patty, in 1853 dress.



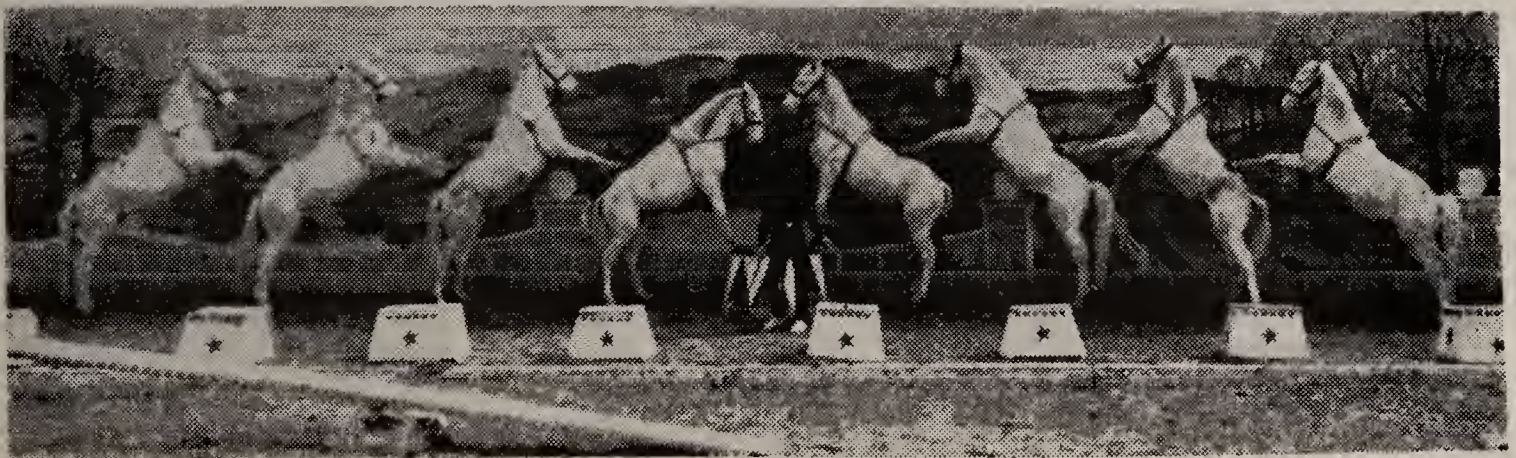
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Geith and family with their car. Dow Cates is on the horse in the background.



The Lauren Kersten family take part in the Centennial parade.



Hi Wakefield and Jim Reardon help with the white horses in the parade.



One of the big attractions for the Centennial was the Liberty Act which was performed by the Albino horses from the White Horse Ranch at Naper, Nebraska.



The Magnolia cemetery, established in 1853, as the date on the entrance gate shows, is one of the oldest in the county. Photo was published by Stuart's Pharmacy, Magnolia, many years ago and sold in the form of colored post cards. The entrance to the cemetery in those days did

not look much different than it does today except that it now has an iron fence instead of the wooden picket fence at the time the picture was taken. Memorial Day services are held in the cemetery annually.



Magnolia's band in the teens and twenties played regular concerts at the bandstand in the park and for Memorial Day, Old Settlers, and other occasions. Here is the group marching to the Cemetery in the Memorial Day

parade. Some of the players were: Leon Oviatt, Dewey Maaske, Ward Swalley, Fred Radtke, Lew Clark, Otis Grosvenor, and Floyd Grosvenor.



A large Memorial Day or Decoration Day crowd in 1919 around the town pump square looking east.

JULY 4, CELEBRATION - 1863

It was 113 years ago in 1863 that Magnolia held a July 4th celebration in a grove north of town near the Hillis home, now the Leroy Methers place. The patriotism was high, as the Civil War news gave reports of one, then the other armies as victorious. Teams by the hundreds came at an early hour from all surrounding counties and the east borders of Nebraska. A large square hundreds of feet on either side was formed by the sections of huge board tables on which were distributed wagon loads of food.

Anvils, fife and drums awakened echoes of war. The chief marshal of the day was Phineas Cadwell, who had a natural ability for director and was a capable man with a horse. A. L. Harvey of Magnolia was assistant marshal.

Having no large flags for the occasion, Mrs. A. L. Harvey, with the assistance of other ladies, hand made a large flag by sewing broad stripes and bright stars from red, white and blue cambric purchased from a Magnolia store.

The patriotism in those days was worthy of the pioneer spirit that subdued the woodland and prairies and educated families for the practical good of all times.



Elder Francis Hathaway of the R.L.D.S. Church giving a Memorial Day address at the Cemetery.

MAGNOLIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Minutes of February 13, 1954

The committee, selected to represent as many classes as attended the Alumni Dance on January 16, met at the school house to discuss plans for the next alumni reunion. Those attending were: Lois Geith, Lula Steen, Corinne Norris, Theron Geith, Jim Buffum, Willis Moore, Maurice Foland, Donald Stewart, Jim Reardon, Kenneth Cutler, Karol Kersten, and Paul Michael.

It was unanimously agreed that the next reunion be held on Saturday evening, September 4, as the Labor Day holiday might allow a good attendance. It was further decided that plans should include both banquet and dance, and that the price per couple for both be \$4.00. Dance tickets sold separately would be \$1.50. It was agreed that the Parent's Organization of the school be asked to serve the banquet at \$1.50 a plate, and that all alumni members be notified.

It was suggested that Marjorie Stirtz act as secretary until September 4, when regular officers would be duly elected. A meeting for March 13 was set to report progress and make further plans.

(Signed) Marjorie Stirtz
Acting Secretary

Four further meetings were held and the organization of committees proceeded as the interest of more alumni members was indicated by their attendance. The success of their planning was evidenced by the 239 reservations made, including classes from 1899 to 1954. The then present Superintendent and Mrs. G. H. Echtenkamp and former Superintendent and Mrs. C. N. Vestal, as well as several teachers and former teachers, were in attendance. In following years good attendance was maintained, the 50, 25, and 10 year classes were honored, and officers were elected at each attendance to serve the following year. For four years the Alumni Banquet was held on the Saturday evening preceding Labor Day; then from 1959 through 1975, the reunion was scheduled to coincide with the weekend of Memorial Day, benefiting Alumni coming back for that occasion; in 1976, the time of the meeting was changed to June 12, to accommodate parents of children having late school closings; for 1977, the date has been set for June 11. It continues to be customary to honor the 50 and 25 year classes, but since there has been no 10 years class after 1972, other classes have been recognized. In 1976, the 20 year class was also honored. The president has usually been chosen from the 25 year class.

Although it was never unusual to serve over 200 dinners, the record is held by the 252 served in 1959. Various entertainment has been arranged each year to follow the dinner, such as dancing, square dancing, music, both vocal and instrumental, special speakers, responses from classes, and the honoring of teachers. In 1976, the program included typical school apparel of the honored years modeled by a son and two daughters of attending alumni members. The dinner tickets were priced at \$4.25, and the hat was passed accepting donations to meet beginning expenses for 1977.

AILONGAM CLUB

In 1923 two Magnolia ladies, Martha Sehlke and Etta Goetsche, decided to start a social or kensington club. They invited a group of ladies to the Sehlke home for the first meeting.

The club was organized that day, February 14, 1923. Elsie Hansen was elected president, Grace Arnold, vice



Marcella Herman is shown pinning a corsage on Evelyn Weigelt, a former member.



Ailongam Club float entered in the 1967 Old Settlers Parade.

president, Rose Johnson, secretary, and Hannah Sehlke, treasurer.

In addition to the hostesses and officers, other original members were Minnie Sehlke, Bertha Leach, Lula Young, Rosa Maaske, Mary Ploth, Matie Hansen, and Rose Kroloff. Three of these charter members are still living: Etta Goetsche in Texas, Grace Arnold in California, and Rosa Maaske in Magnolia.

A set of rules was made and each member was asked to suggest a name for the club. The one chosen was "Ailongam" or Magnolia spelled backward, which was presented by Grace Arnold.

The early membership was twelve, then fifteen in number, which was increased to eighteen in February, 1929.

At times there were vacancies and new members were asked to join. At present there are eighteen, and one



Ailgonam Club members and friends in the 1930's. First row: Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Albert Michael and Dick, Elsie Foland, Katherine Geith and Molly Jean, Hannah Sehlke, Marie Kersten and Ardith. Second row: Emma Lebo, Lula Young, Rosa Maaske, Lena Block, Minnie Sehlke, Mildred

Fellows and Connie, Eleonor Plath, Martha Sehlke, Mary Plath. Third row: Etta Goetsch, Irene Kennedy, Helen Kilts, Elsie Hansen, Minnie Michael, Etta Lough, Hilda Cutler, and Mrs. Cole Musick.

honorary member, Frances Coffman. Alberta (Bert) Nieland is president, Elba Grosvenour, vice president, Marcella Herman, secretary, and Kathryn Barnhart, treasurer.

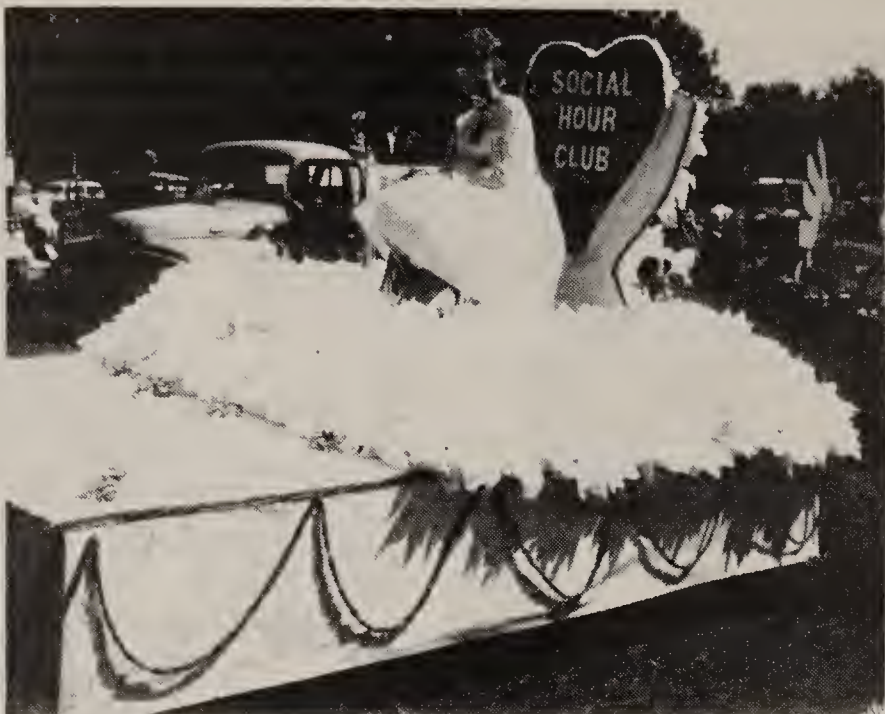
Down through the years the members have enjoyed many social hours together; also dinners, parties, picnics, and other special occasions which the husbands shared with the ladies.

On November 4, 1973, the club observed its fiftieth anniversary with an afternoon tea held at the Culavin Heights social room in Missouri Valley. Former Ailongam members were invited. It was a lovely occasion and enjoyed by all present.

Club members in 1976 are: Kathryn Barnhart, Mabel Carse, Nellie Epperson, Elsie Foland, Mary Gilkerson, Martha Girton, Wilma Gochenour, Elba Grosvenour, Frances Herman, Marcella Herman, Thelma Hiller, Irene Kennedy, Velma Koski, Dorothy Lamberson, Susan Methner, Minnie Michael, Bert Nieland, and Alma Peterson.



The Happy Hour Club and other Magnolia Clubs together for a picture. Front row: Mrs. Nieman, Ida Goetsche, Mrs. Hansen, Anna Kilts, Mrs. John McDowell. Second row: Della Barry, Etta Lough, Mrs. Alma Fyrando, Mrs. Susie Rice, Ada Stewart Putman, Bertha Leach. Third row: Mrs. John Brown, Mrs. W.B. Gilkerson and Mrs. Jennie Lawrence. Fourth row: Etta Goetsche, Mrs. Patterson, Minnie Morris. Back row: Mrs. Herman Schlke, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. Belle Cress, Mrs. A. Radtke, and Ethel Stewart.



The Social Hour Club had this beautiful entry in the 1963 Old Settlers parade.



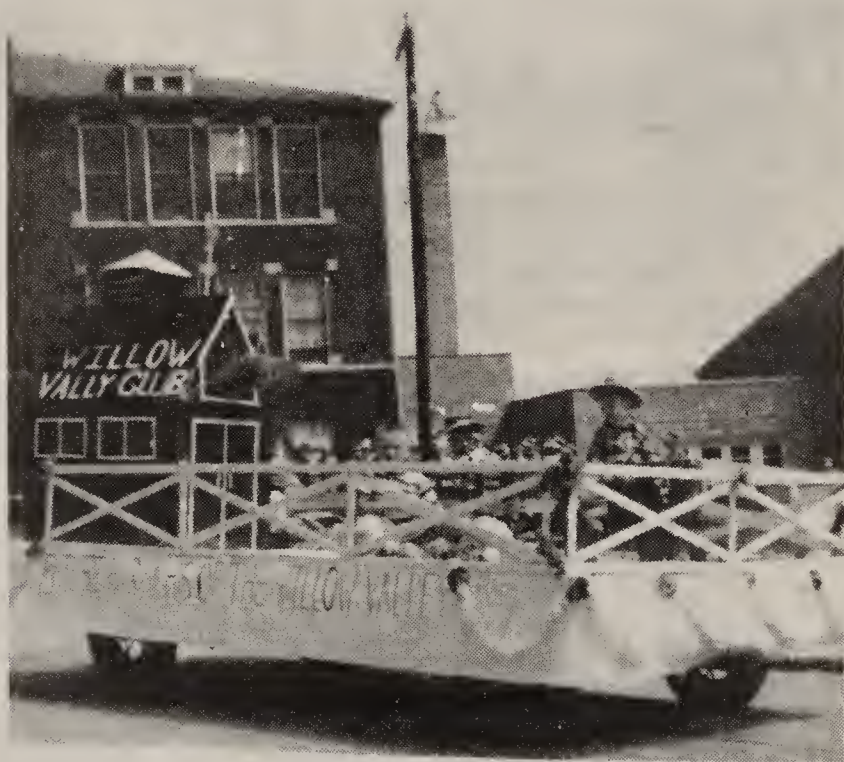
YO--YO CLUB

On October 11, 1971, a group gathered at the school indicating the wish to form a diet club. Shirley Michael, the leader, read the purpose of TOPS and explained about it. Shirley had been a member of Logan's TOPS club and wanted to get a club started in Magnolia. The group called their club, "Magnolia B Little TOPS."

On April 8, 1975, the group met and voted to drop TOPS. They formed their own independent group. They meet on Tuesday at 4:30 at the Magnolia schoolhouse.

They weigh, a member gives a report on an article that is of value to the group, sing, and sometimes exercise to a record. They really have a good time.

Members in 1976 are: Mable Carse, Erma Dingman, Thelma Hiller, Arlene Michael, Carolyn Tupper, Kay Small, Barbara Wimer, Wilma Gochenour, Cindy Michael, Marilyn Clinkenbeard, Anna Sewell, Ilene Feige, and Frances McFee. Thelma, Frances and Mable are charter members. The club welcomes new members. ref. Francis McFee.



This entry in the Old Settlers parade was "The Future Farmers of the Willow Valley" and was entered by the Willow Valley Club.

WILLOW VALLEY CLUB

The Willow Valley Club was started in 1934 or 1935. Ida Teague and Francis Herman started it as a way of giving Commercial Extension lessons. After the lessons were over, they decided to keep going as a club.

The club has had special projects like remembering Holben's Rest Home at Christmas, May baskets and etc. After the rest home closed the club now sponsors a little boy at Glenwood. But mostly it is a time for neighbors and friends to get together the last Thursday of the month and enjoy a social afternoon together.

Of the original Club members Ida Teague and Joy Methers are the Charter Members. Other members are: Helen Burkholder, Evelyn Menching, Carolyn Tupper, Corrine Tupper, Erma Dingman, Rite Wohlers, Jane Methers, Patricia Hardy, Fern Bellville, and Ruth Chesmore.



The Magnolia Livewires 4-H Club had this entry in the 1965 Old Settlers parade. The "Future Queens of the House" are: Delilah Wohlers, Cathy Tupper, Janet Tupper, Jill Frahm, and Virgene Jacobsen.



The Jolly Makers Club entered this float in 1961 which depicts the hard life 75 years earlier.

JOLLY MAKERS CLUB

The Jolly Makers Club was organized at the home of Julia Herman, December 6, 1945, with eight ladies of the neighborhood.

Many pleasant afternoons were spent through the years, making quilts, aprons, and etc. Many members have come and gone from the neighborhood, but of the original eight members, there are presently two members remaining: Margaret Herman and Helena Oliver.

Other members are Kathleen Burress, Judy Gochenour, Jackie Peterson, Eileen Schraeder, Della Herman, and Lola Evans.

Light bill for June, 1918--\$1.25.

A subscription for the Omaha Bee Newspaper for one year in 1918 was \$5.09.

In October of 1918 Cornelia Oviatt wrote in her diary, "Influenza has spread so fast that every place seems closed by the cemetery."

May 1918--Homer Hanneman left for camp and Floyd Seeley home on furlough.

August 1918--Price of two loads of wood, \$7.00, and two loads of cobs, \$5.00.



City Dads of Magnolia. Left to right: W.B. Gilkerson, Mr. Hanneman, Mr. Chambers, George Scott, J. D. Stuart, George Radtke, Ollie Murphy, and Dan Brown.

Magnolia's Oldest Citizen



Mrs. Dora Methers is Magnolia's oldest living citizen
She was 101 in February 1976.



Mrs. Methers' family as children. Left to right: Albert,
Ada (deceased), Peggy, Hilda, and Bertha.

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Family Histories

ANDREW ALLEN HISTORY

One of the first persons to serve on the jury in Harrison County was Andrew Allen. He died in 1878 and is buried in the Magnolia Cemetery.

He had a daughter Emma Janette Allen and she had some half brothers and sisters by the name of Adair.

The descendents of the family remember their grandmother telling them that Allen Creek was named for Andrew Allen.

Descendents living in this area are Marjorie Sorenson and Vivian Earleywine of Logan and Nellie Collett of Magnolia.

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ARTHUR BICE HISTORY

Arthur Bice and his wife, Henrietta Boyd Bice and their son, John Bice lived 1½ miles south of Magnolia, which is now the Charles Lamberson property. Arthur Bice was a Civil War veteran and died of a sword wound in his check.

William Otis Bice and wife, Gertrude Mabel Gearhardt Bice lived south of Logan. In 1917 they and their children: Harold, Helen, Cecil, Raymond, and David Bice came to live with John Bice. They all attended the Magnolia School and grew up in this area.

Raymond Bice and family still live on a farm near Magnolia. David and Harold are deceased. Cecil and Helen live in Missouri Valley.

Mrs. Cecil Bice was born two miles south of Magnolia in 1914 to Charles and Martha Nelson Bennett. Her grandfather was Hans Nelson. Mrs. Bice's grandfather Bennett operated the Livery stable at Woodbine when her father was a child. She recalls her father telling about her Grandfather keeping Dr. Cole's buggy and horse all shined up and ready to go day or night.

Submitted by Mrs. Cecil A. Bice of Missouri Valley.



The brick portion of this house was the original Bedsaul home and is now the property of Elsa Freymuller.

ISAAC BEDSAUL

Isaac Bedsaul was born in Greenbrier County, Va., December 24, 1799, eldest of four children. His father moved to Panther Springs, Tenn. From there he moved to western Tenn. and never came back. As was the custom then, the children were "bound out," Isaac to a slave owner named Jones. Isaac's uncle (mother's brother) was a Quaker preacher. Not liking Isaac's situation, he persuaded him to run away. As a company of people were forming to go to the Indiana Territory, Isaac, 16, and



Perne Bedsaul as he appeared in Magnolia's Centennial Parade.

another boy joined them, traveling parallel out of sight of the group by day and joining them at night.

Isaac took a claim near what is now Indianapolis, but the climate being unhealthy for him, he sold his house logs and went \$18 in debt. He went to New Castle and carried the 4th mail to Indianapolis.

John Macy stocked him with goods to sell to the Indians. He was ridiculed for being a "pack peddler" but he soon earned enough to get a pack horse, then more pack horses. Wages were good, \$1.50 a day. A good sale was two knives and forks. Isaac took the skins received from the Indians to Cincinnati, where he bought more goods. He started a store in New Castle, Indiana. An 8 ft. long board held his first merchandise. One day an Indian came into the store. His purchase amounted to 10 skins. He counted them out and gave them to Isaac, who counted them finding one skin too many. The Indian then counted them. Then Isaac recounted the skins again finding one skin too many and threw it back. The Indian laughed and said, "you honest." Isaac had many Indian friends. He took his youngest son, Isaac Francis, a very small boy on horseback one cold day in November to visit a camp. He was received kindly. A squaw came out of the teepee and took him and held him up to the fire to get his hands warm and fed him some jerked venison. A squaw once came to Isaac asking for a piece of cloth to wrap her baby in for burial. He gave her a piece of red cloth.

Isaac developed other businesses, one of which was meat packing, but he lost his money in that. So at the news of gold in California, he took his oldest son, Oliver, age 15, ten men and 29 ponies and packed through. He did some

thousand dollars. As he came through the country around Council Bluffs, Iowa, he liked its looks. So on reaching home, he made plans to move west. The family went by boat through the Wabash Canal, the Ohio River into the Mississippi to St. Louis where the Missouri River flows into the Mississippi. There, Oliver, Isaac Francis, and others went overland to Kanesville, now called Council Bluffs. The rest of the family came by boat, joining the others at Kanesville. Isaac preferred to locate a home in the hills rather than out in the Missouri Valley. They came to the Magnolia vicinity in 1853 or 1854. Isaac built a two room brick house back of the Dewell store building. Then taking up farming he moved to land now owned by Mrs. Elsa Freymuller. He built a log house a few yards southeast of the present brick house which he later built, making a door in the upstairs wall for future addition. The house also has a fireplace.

Isaac started in the cattle business feeding them on the "rush beds" along the Missouri River. A very severe winter, much snow, and wolves destroyed his profit in that business. He farmed using oxen, "Buck and Bright."

The Indians became worried over their lands being taken and their chief food supply being killed off. One day a group came to the log house. They were rather unfriendly. They would talk among themselves, then go outside and talk. Isaac remained perfectly calm. He was not afraid. Inside the house, the "girls" had just whitewashed the walls and "put down" a new rag carpet. One Indian who was chewing tobacco had to spit. He was afraid to spit on the carpet, so taking high steps he walked to one of the walls and spit on it. The girls sure did not like that. The Indians finally left, but Isaac Francis always worried for fear they would come back and kill his mother while he was gone early in the morning to get the oxen who were turned out to feed at night.

Oliver and Isaac Francis both joined the army when the Civil War came. Isaac Francis, at age 18, enlisted with others to form Co. C. 29th Iowa Infantry. When he came to say "Good-bye" to his father, Isaac, who in moments of stress used the Quacker speech said, "Now Isaac, don't thou come home shot in the back!"

He served three years, and came home to resume farming. He settled on land on the Willow Valley now owned by Robert Cohrs, married Minerva Akers, and had two children, Bertha and Francis Henry. It seemed too quiet, and he said it seemed like "Sunday" every day. He bought the farm now owned by Leroy Mether. The house was built by S.E. Hillis, it being the birthplace of Newell Dwight Hillis, preacher, writer, lecturer.

Isaac Francis' wife Minerva died, and two years later he married Adah Stebbins. One son, Louis Roland, was born. His mother died two weeks after he was born. The Stebbins grandparents took care of him. When grown he spent some time in the Black Hills of South Dakota, where he met and married Henrietta May. To them were born two sons, Harry Floyd of Magnolia, vicinity farmer, and Ike Perne of Oroville, California.

Isaac Francis married again to Ida May LaFerre, who with her mother had moved to Magnolia from Granville, Ohio. She was a dressmaker. To them were two children born, Grace Lyman and Oliver Perne.

Mrs. LaFerre and daughter lived in a little house across the street west from the Lutheran Church. Indians seemed to roam about. One day they saw an Indian wearing his feathered headdress coming down the street. They pulled the curtains and locked the door. He came and sat on the front steps for a long time. They were surely relieved when he left.



Children of Isaac Francis Bedsaul. Inset: Bertha. Front row: Grace. Second row: Louis Rolland and Francis Henry. Back row: Oliver Perne.



The Bedsaul home. This is the house where the noted Newell Dwight Hillis was born.

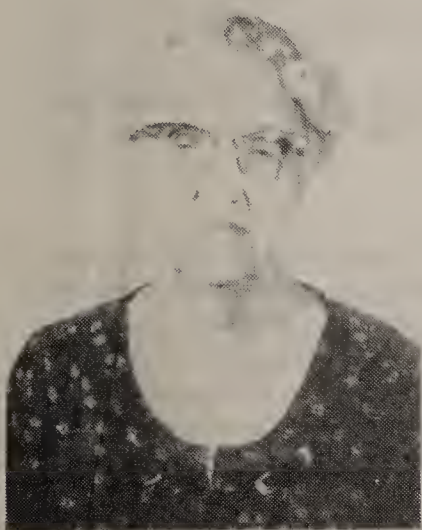
Magnolia became the County seat until the railroad was built in the Boyer River Valley. Isaac F. used to bring the judges and lawyers when court was in session. They stayed at a long two-story hotel on the lot where Mrs. Maude Murphy now lives. He made two trips a day with fast walking horses. When the railroad came, the County seat was moved to Logan one day when Magnolia people were at a picnic. The court house became a church and parsonage



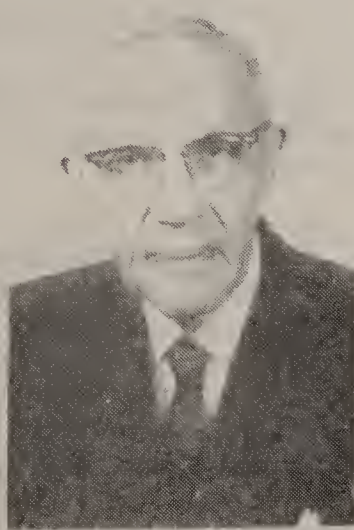
Sarah (Lenz) Bedsaul and Oliver Perne Bedsaul.

for the Methodists. While it was a court house, some pranksters worked nearly all night to get a donkey upstairs into the court room and tied to the judge's chair!

A family lived in a house where Paul Weed now lives. Pranksters put a tic-tac on his window one night and attached a long cord to their hiding place. When the family had gone to bed and asleep, the boys worked the tic-tac until the man got up. Then they jerked the tic-tac off. The man looked around, then back to bed. After the boys were sure he was asleep, they replaced the noisemaker until he got up, lit a candle, and looked out the door. He finally went back to bed. After waiting till he would be asleep, they again attached the tic-tac. This time he came out, night clothes flapping, carrying a big club. He ran to a corner of the house, peered around, ran to the next corner, peered around brandishing his club. He did not catch anyone, but the boys bottled their laughter until they were far enough away.



Grace (Bedsaul) Birchard,
now of Greenbelt, Maryland.



Fred Birchard of
Greenbelt, Maryland.

He was the
Magnolia Methodist
Minister in the 1930's.

Magnolia had a cheese factory located behind a store building corner across the street from the brick pharmacy.

A cooperage (place where barrels were made) occupied the lot on which John Michael built a home now owned by Georgia Mahoney.

A creamery came into being later built at the foot of the hill east of the Congregational Church on the main highway to Logan.

An enterprising group put in street lights. Probably the fuel was "coal oil."

John Dalley owned a store. I think it was on the corner north of the cheese factory. When the railroad came in he moved to Woodbine and had woolen and flour mills on the Boyer River east of town. One of his sons-in-law, Frank Fotts had a store on Main St., another son-in-law, Will Cromie, had a department store where the National Bank now is. Another was a farmer east of town. The oldest son, Mortimer, had a hardware store in Dunlap. His second wife taught school in the Cutler log school house. She was a sister to Miss May LaFerre who became Isaac Francis' third wife.

Almo Fyrando also had a store located in Magnolia.

Captain George Bacon owned an apple orchard adjoining the north side of town. When he moved to Des Moines his step son, Oliver Murphy, took charge of the business. It was later sold to George Radtke who made it into a farm.

These are some of the happenings of the beginnings of Magnolia.

Ref. Memory of Grace (Bedsaul) Birchard and Mr. Clarence H. Smith, Curator, Henry County Historical Society, 614 South Fourteenth St., New Castle, Indiana.

ALMOND C. BUFFUM HISTORY

Almond C. Buffum, the son of Daniel T. and Maria (Mitchell) Buffum, was born on March 31, 1850, in Erie County, New York. The Buffums were one of the Colonial families of the eastern states, and were prominent in the early history of the United States. The town of Colton, New York, was formerly known as Buffumtown.

Mr. Buffum was married on February 20, 1894, to Lillian Brown, who was born in September, 1874, in Muscotah, Kansas, a daughter of Luther D. and Emma (Pett) Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Buffum were the parents of four children, Almond D., E. Maud, Marie and Charles W.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Almond D. Buffum are: Doris, Harlan, Agnes, Mary, Jim, Joyce, Norma, Francis "Pat", Lorene, and Linda. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Niles (Agnes) are the owners of the Niles Grocery Store in Magnolia. They are the parents of three daughters.

Maude Buffum married William F. Plath and they are the parents of seven children.

John Plath married Helen. Children are Peggy who married Richard Myers, children Traci and Misti. Sonja who married Dennis Clanton, children, Lisa, D.J. and Lindsay.

Bernadine married Ted Straight. Children: JoAnn married Herb Myers. Two sons, Tedd and Todd. Jack married Sondra Mether. Children: Jay, Jill and Janet. Jim married Gwen. Children: Douglas and Dell Jean. Jerry married Linda Frahm. Children: Dwayne and Luann. Jean married Joe Palmesano. Children: Debbie, Pam, Cheryl, and Steve. Janice married Dennis Stueve. Children: Annette, Lonnie, and Tony. John married Debbie.

Evelyn married Fritz Christinas. Children. Gary married Pat. Children: Graig, Curtis, Corey, Michael.

William married Julene Christians. Children: Timmy, Eric, and Joyce.

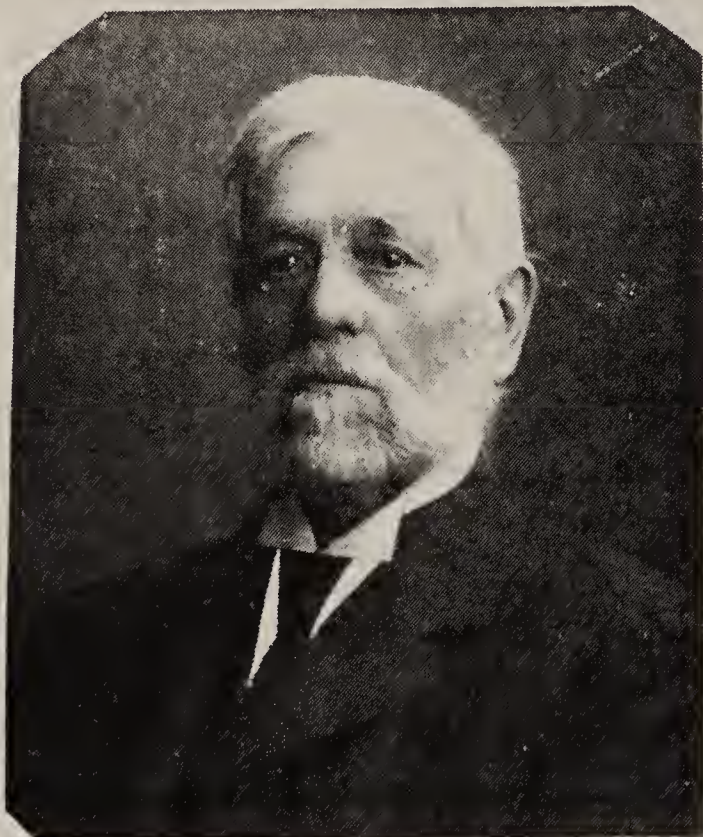
Charles. Daughter, Pamela.

Maxine married Lloyd Allmon. Children: Linda married Tom Jensen. Children: Christine, Michael and Cheryl. Connie married Gary Crane. Children: Daniel and Gary Jr. Susan married Patric Perry. Children: Kenneth and David. Dennis, Karen, Kevin and Mark at home.

Doris married Wendell Knauss. Children: Richard married Marilyn. Children: Timmy, Todd, and Stephanie. Ronald married Lucy. Children: Brian. Rita married Don Lantis. Children Rhonda, Regina and Ronald.

Darlene Schartow. Children: Billie Jo, Kim Marie, Shirley and Tarry.

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JUDGE JONAS W. CHATBURN

One of the first pioneers to settle in Magnolia Township was Judge Jonas Chatburn. He was born March 11, 1821, in Lancashire, England. At the age of 14 years he was an apprentice to a machinist, served three years, and then spent seven years learning the art of Calico Printing.

He was married to Mary Burton, December 25, 1843, also a native of Lancashire, England. He came to this country in 1845, arriving at New York. He worked at his trade for five years in Philadelphia; then went to New Jersey, where he repaired a steam sawmill and followed the machinist trade until 1850. He then started west on the Mormon train to Utah, but left the train at Council Bluffs because he did not approve of polygamy. He then operated a sawmill in Mills County for three years. In 1853 he entered 160 acres of land along the Willow River, Sec. 34, near where Magnolia now stands. In 1854 he and Stephen Mahoney constructed the first sawmill in Harrison County on his land along the Willow River.

He also dressed prairie boulders from which he constructed a pair of mill stones. Having all complete to attach to the sawmill except the belting, raw cowhide was cut into strips and the mill set to work, where he ground cornmeal in the manufacture of the first flour in Harrison

County. (Mrs. Chatburn's veil was used as a bolting cloth.) While one grist was being ground out, Mahoney and Chatburn went to supper and told the family about grinding the first corn in this area, and told of all they proposed to grind the following day. When they returned to the mill, the wolves had been there and eaten up the rawhide belts. It was soon repaired, and this mill ground the first meal, sawed the first plank, and rolled the first wool in Harrison County. It also sawed the lumber for the first county courthouse in Magnolia and other buildings built at the county seat.

A good story often told at the Old Settlers' meetings by Judge D. E. Brainard was about the Chatburn and Mahoney mill. Upon visiting the mill one day when the proprietors were gone, (they having left the burrs grinding away on some corn), the judge said a big rooster had no trouble in eating the grains of corn as each kernel fell so that no meal was ground. Being the story as it may, the mill still served its purpose and ground for the community for 16 years. Up until this time the settlers either walked or went by horseback to a trading post (now at Sioux City) or to Kanesville (now Council Bluffs) to have their corn ground. Sometimes these trips took three or four days.

While still living in Magnolia Township, Judge Chatburn walked to Kanesville to buy the first seed corn he planted. He paid \$1.50 for one-half bushel. The round trip was a seventy-five mile walk, carrying his seed corn in a sack on his back, wading through water and mud knee-high on the flats where Missouri Valley now stands.

Judge Chatburn was a man who always had the interest of the community in mind. He made many improvements on his land, and was always ready to help the people. He was County Judge from 1861 to 1863, was a member of the Board of Supervisors for many years, and also helped organize the first Republican Party of this area in 1856.

Both he and his wife were members of the Latter-day Saints Church. They were the parents of seven children: Thomas, Jane, Mary, Margaret, Sarah, Celia and George. He built the first mill at Harlan in 1867. He then moved to Harlan with his family and spent his remaining years in that area, returning to Magnolia to visit his friends and to attend the "OLD SETTLERS."

RICHARD CHATBURN

Richard Chatburn was born in Lancashire, England, August 3, 1823. He grew up in England, and was educated as an engineer.

He married Mary Duxberry, August 31, 1844. Mary, was born June 19, 1825, and had always lived near his boyhood home in Lancashire. They were the parents of ten children; John, Richard, Jonas, William, Ellen, Margaret, Elizabeth, Mary, Jane (Mrs. Solomon Jacob Cox), and Thomas. All of the children were born in England, except Thomas, who was born in Magnolia Twp. shortly after the family came here from England. They came in 1864 to where Mr. Chatburn's brother, Jonas, lived. Because of poor health, Mr. Chatburn had given up engineering two years before coming here, and had lived on a farm. For his first year here, he rented land from his brother, Jonas, and as the years passed, he became the owner of over 500 acres of land in Magnolia Twp. This land he acquired by good management and hard work.

Mr. and Mrs. Chatburn were always active in helping and supporting the Latter-day Saints Church of Magnolia.



Richard Chatburn, who was the Father of Thomas Chatburn Senior.

In later years, Mr. Chatburn's son, Thomas, took over the farming of his land. Mr. Chatburn remained on his land until his death, in 1912, his good wife having died in 1874. They were both laid to rest in the Magnolia Cemetery.

THOMAS CHATBURN

Thomas Chatburn was born in Magnolia Twp. January 21, 1867. He was one of ten children born to Richard and Mary (Duxberry) Chatburn.

As a boy, he helped his father farm and attended school in a district school in Magnolia Twp., completing his education at the high school in Magnolia. He then remained at home helping his father farm. When twenty-one years old, he started farming for himself, by renting his father's farm.

In 1889 he married Matilda Radtke, who was born in Sibley County, Minnesota, in 1871. She was one of eight children born to William and Matilda (Smith) Radtke. They spent many years farming the land and at one time they were one of the largest land holders and stock producers in the community.

Mr. Chatburn was a Republican in politics and served as school director of Magnolia Twp. for a number of years. He also took an active interest in the school and was an active member of the Latter-day Saints Church; they gave it their hearty support at all times. He was a member of the Independent order of Odd Fellows and ranked among the most enterprising farmers of the county.

Thomas Chatburn passed away in 1942, and his good wife in 1949, they were laid to rest in Magnolia Cemetery.



Thomas and Maldita Chatburn

Mr. Chatburn and his wife were the parents of three children; Guy, born 1890; John, born 1892; and Thomas, born 1907.

Guy was a graduate of the Magnolia and Logan High Schools. He also took a five-year course at Ames College where he was graduated as an electrical engineer. He was city electrician of Pellstone, Michigan, for a time and then moved to Ashland, Nebraska, where he worked as an electrician until his death in 1924 as a result of injuries he received in an auto accident. He was married to Caroline Holben in 1912. To this union four children were born, Alvin, Harley, Margery, and Arlene. His wife is now residing at her home in Lamoni, Iowa.

John married Emma Neidermeyer and to this union two children were born, William, and Elaine. John farmed his father's farm for a number of years then moved to Minnesota and farmed. After his wife's death he went on construction and was working on construction in Texas when he passed away in 1960.

Tom is the third of three generations of Chatburns to farm continuously in Magnolia Township. Tom farmed with his father for a time, farming 225 acres of land in Magnolia Township, raising purebred shorthorn cattle and 300 head of hogs a year. Tom married Ila Vore (daughter of Roy and Opal Vore) on April 2, 1940, and they have one child Connie (married Dale McWilliams in 1972). Tom farmed in Magnolia Township until 1950, when he went to work for the county, he worked for the county for 14 years and is now retired and lives on his farm on section 29 of Magnolia Township, working as caretaker at Magnolia Cemetery.



Thomas Chatburn of rural Magnolia.

KENNETH D. CLINKENBEARD HISTORY

Kenneth Dale Clinkenbeard was born May 25, 1932, at Mondamin, Iowa, the son of Dale and Gladys Clinkenbeard. He attended school and graduated from the Mondamin School. He joined the Air Force in November of 1952 and received his basic training at Parks Air Force Base in California. He then served at Amarillo, Texas, in 1953 and was transferred to Kaufburen Air Force base in Germany in 1955. He was discharged in November of 1956. He was a mechanic at Boeing on B-52's at Wichita, Kansas, and in 1957 began work for Harrison County, where he is presently employed. He was Legion Commander at Magnolia for two years and 4-H leader for 10 years.

On June 14, 1953, he was united in marriage to Marilyn M. Pitt of Logan, daughter of Lawrence and Edith Pitt. They were married at the Logan Church of Christ by Rev. Robert Evans. Marilyn attended country schools of Starry Point, Pleasant Hill and Linnwood and attended high school at Beebeetown and Logan, graduating from Logan in 1953. She is a past member of the Elmdale Club and Mary Rebekah Lodge. After their marriage she joined Kenneth in Germany by plane in 1955 and the family returned by boat which was an eleven day journey.

To this union six children were born.

Patricia Lou, born July 23, 1954, married Lonnie Strum on November 2, 1974. Daughter, Jami Ann. Address: Logan.

Cheryl Mae, born July 10, 1956. She was born at Kaufburen, Germany and upon returning to the United States had to have naturalization papers and had to have citizenship papers to enter U.S.A. Married Jeff Meyer April 7, 1973. One son, Jason Daniel. Address: Missouri Valley.

Peggy June, born June 4, 1959. A junior at Logan-Magnolia Community School in 1976.

James Kevin, born February 15, 1962; Richard Brian, born September 29, 1963. Both students in the

Logan-Magnolia Schools and Jill Anne, born December 16, 1970 at home.

The Kenneth Clinkenbeard family own the Fritz Vogel farm four miles northwest of Magnolia where they raise hogs, cattle and do general farming.



Isaac W. Cox and his wife, Mary (Deal) Cox.

COX FAMILY HISTORY

Isaac W. Cox and wife, Mary A. (Deal) Cox, were one of the first families to settle in this area, coming from Indiana in April, 1849 by covered wagon drawn by oxen. The trip took 30 days. There were several families on the train, one of whom was Isaac's brother Jacob. (His other brothers, Andrew R. and Henry B. and families, came later in 1854 to settle.) Mr. Cox, born in Montgomery County, Ohio, on November 25, 1817, was one of eight children of Abraham and Lydia (Reel) Cox. At the age of six years he moved with his family to Putnam County, Indiana, and remained there on his father's farm until coming to this area. He was married to Mary Ann Deal in May, 1844. They were the parents of eight children: Sarah, Rachel, John, James, Solomon, Hannah, Abraham, and Mary, all of whom are now deceased.

Mr. Cox's father, Abraham, served in the War of 1812 and his grandfather served in the Revolutionary War.

Upon coming here Issac purchased 200 acres of wild land in Calhoun Township. The land held great beauty being covered with tall wild grasses and wild flowers with an abundance of wild fruits and berries. Game was very plentiful. He at once built a rude log cabin which was their first home in a new land. The closest trading post was Kanesville, which at that time consisted of three log structures. Issac remained on this land for one year; after selling this he purchased 240 acres in Calhoun Township upon which he built a home for his family, remaining until selling the land in 1870. He then purchased land in Magnolia Township where the family remained until 1881. When that land was sold, he purchased land in Sec. 34 of Allen and Sec. 3 of Magnolia Township to which the family moved and spent their remaining years. Isaac W. died April 24, 1901, and his wife Mary A. died January 3, 1910. They were laid

to rest in Magnolia Cemetery. The land was then farmed and lived on by their son Abraham and family.

SOLOMON J. COX

Another son, Solomon Jacob, rented land in Magnolia and Allen Townships for one year. He then married Jane Chatburn on November 14, 1886, who was born in Lancashire, England, and was one of ten children of Richard and Mary (Duxbury) Chatburn. Her parents came to the United States in 1864 when she was close to the age of one year. Solomon purchased 120 acres of land in Section 14 of Allen Township, giving \$10 per acre. He purchased the land December 29, 1884, from James S. Easley, who had bought the land from the United States of America. Later he purchased more land, making a total of 300 acres. He improved his place by erecting two barns, granaries, cattle sheds, and cribs. He had an orchard of 150 trees and a walnut grove consisting of 8 acres, and 15 acres of wild hay, which was valuable for feed. The farm possessed much good water, as it had two wells, and plenty of water for livestock provided from Allen Creek, which wound through his farm. His farm was among the best in the township.

Mr. Cox raised full-blooded Chester White hogs, marketing about 150 head and a carload of cattle each year. He was noted for his Morgan horses and at that time had the only blooded Morgan stock in Harrison County. Mr. Cox was often seen throughout the community with his buggy being pulled by his well-gaited team. He would leave for Magnolia after breakfast to do his business and trading and be home well before suppertime.

Mr. Cox was a fine supporter of his community. He was township trustee for twelve years, held other minor positions, and was a staunch Republican.

Solomon and his wife were known for their kindness and generosity when travelers passed by, as they often did in those days. They were always offered a meal and a bed for the night. Often a traveler was bedded down in the tack room in the barn. Their help was always generous to families suffering sickness or death in the neighborhood or whatever help was needed.



Grandma Cox, Jane.

Grandpa Cox, Solomon.

Solomon and Jane had 13 children, Richard C. born November 1, 1882, died January 6, 1902; Mary (Mollie) Jane, January 5, 1884, died March 1, 1974; Issac W., September 9, 1885, died April 9, 1887; twins Alice J. and

Albert S., April 11, 1888, Alice died December 21, 1961, Albert died January 23, 1968; Robert R., December 12, 1890, died 1975; Esta (Dolly) Ellen, November 27, 1892; John Humphry, May 1, 1895, died 1951; Versal E., May 29, 1898; Dewey A., August 2, 1899; Theodore, September 12, 1907; Margaret, October 4, 1906, died February 4, 1907; Melvin (Olda), April 18, 1905.

Some of the children received grade school education and some went on to higher education. Six of Solomon and Jane's sons took up farming as their means of living and the other took up telegraphy. Two of the three girls became school teachers. Mary (Mollie) taught over 28 years in the community; the last year she taught was at the age of 76.

Solomon remained on his farm and was cared for by his son Albert until his death, August 13, 1944, at the age of 90 years. His wife, Jane, passed away April 13, 1928, at the age of 63. Both were laid to rest in the Magnolia Cemetery.

The land is now owned by sons, Dewey A., Melvin, Versal, and two sons of Dewey, Donald D., and Gary L. Melvin and wife, Verna, live on the home place. A short distance away on the same land is where Dewey and wife, Bertha, now make their home. The land is now being farmed by three sons, three grandsons, and one great-grandson of Solomon J. Cox.

DEWEY A. COX

Dewey A. helped his father farm, starting when 12 years old. When 18 he worked with a neighbor on a threshing machine for about five years. After his marriage to Alma Bertha Benson on September 4, 1923, he rented land for two years besides helping to farm his father's place. He also operated a county road grader for a number of years in the township.

In the 1930's, along with his farming, he raised sugar cane. He and a close neighbor would harvest the cane and make sorghum. This would take several days at harvest time and many people in the area enjoyed their fine sorghum.

He then purchased 160 acres of land in Allen Township; in 1944 he acquired 40 acres of his father's land. In 1969 he sold 160 acres and built a home on the 40 acres where he and his wife are now living. Dewey has seen many changes through the years in the community. Dewey and wife celebrated their 50th Anniversary in September of 1973. He is now retired but still enjoys helping to farm his land.

Dewey and Bertha had 13 children, 11 of whom are still living. Dewey Iver Jacob, deceased; Donald D., born August 29, 1926, (married Margaret E. Miller); Darlene M., August 1, 1928, (married Walter R. Malone); Bertha Ellen, January 9, 1931, (married Robert W. Morton); L. Janet, October 2, 1934, (married Theodore Archer); Gary L., June 17, 1936, (married Barbara J. Stolley); Larry B., November 11, 1937, (married Doris E. Wood); Carolyn A., May 29, 1942, (married Frank J. Archer); Ronald D., October 29, 1943, (married Linda R. Watters); Patricia A., November 6, 1944, (married Arnold G. Hardy); Charles C., February 25, 1946, (married S. Louise Chase); Keith Thomas, deceased; Stanley G., March 11, 1950, (married Chris B. Steward). All of Dewey and Bertha's children except two live in the area.

Since 1870 five generations of the Cox family have lived in Harrison county, four of these generations have lived and farmed in Magnolia Township. Three of the most recent ones are children of Dewey A.; Larry B., Bertha Ellen, and Patricia A.



Dewey and Bertha. Cox and family.



The Larry Cox family.

LARRY B. COX

Larry B. lived at home and helped his father farm. At the age of 19 he left, spending several months working on a ranch in the mountains of Wyoming. He then returned home and worked for a time as a telephone and telegraph lineman for the Union Pacific Railroad. His work took him from Kansas on through to Idaho and back to Nebraska.

He returned home and enlisted into the Army for three years, 1st Battle Group, 18th Infantry. Of this time he spent 27 months in Germany, achieving the rank of Corporal. Before leaving for Germany, he married Doris E. Wood, born March 26, 1941, to Newton and Ruby (Young) Wood, now of Onawa.

Upon returning home after his time in the Army, he again was employed as a lineman for the Union Pacific Railroad. He worked for one year, his work taking him to Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming. He was then employed in farming, working by the month, and in 1965 he was employed at the Schemmer Limestone Quarry, where he remained for three years as a heavy equipment operator and mechanic. He started farming for himself in 1967 in Magnolia Township. Larry and Doris now own 240 acres located in section 30 of Magnolia Township and section 36 of Raglan. They farm a total of 291 acres. Larry is also presently employed by a machinery manufacturing company.

They are the parents of seven children: Larry L., born May 8, 1959; Kenneth E., June 18, 1961; Kevin E., March 28, 1963; Keith N., April 20, 1964; Dwight D., January 9, 1966; Richard A., May 29, 1968; and Debra L., October 24, 1970.

ROBERT MORTON FAMILY

Bertha Ellen is married to Robert W. Morton, born February 16, 1928, to Nat and Pearl (Yount) Morton of Dunlap (Douglas Twp.). They were married at Logan, November 12, 1949. They were engaged in farming for 24 years, first in Harrison County and then in Pottawattamie County. Robert owned 224 acres he farmed and had a herd of registered Herefords. Upon selling their land, the family moved to where they now live in section 12, Magnolia Township. Mr. Morton is presently employed as a mechanic for Schemmer Limestone Quarry. They have five children: Bonnie L., born April 2, 1951, (married Marvin E. Leaders); Barbara E., May 14, 1954, (married Craig Nielson); Robert J., August 31, 1960; Michael T., April 20, 1969; Kathleen A., March 20, 1970, living at home.

ARNOLD G. HARDY FAMILY

Patricia A. was married to Arnold G. Hardy, son of Harold T. and Anna (Park) Hardy of Woodine, July 14, 1962, at Allen Creek Chapel. Arnold has farmed since he was six years old, first helping his dad, then as a hired hand. He worked for Schemmer Limestone Quarry for 15 years. He started farming for himself in 1967 in section 23 of Magnolia Township and is now farming 320 acres in sections 23 and 24 of Magnolia Township. To this union four children were born: Craig A., born September 1, 1964; Brenda A., June 7, 1966; Norma J., November 18, 1968; and Dianna L., December 30, 1970.

JOSIAH CROM HISTORY

The Crom family originated in Holland and at one time the name was Von Crom.

Josiah Crom was born in 1818 in Ohio. He moved to Harrison County, Iowa in 1854 where he purchased a squatters claim in Magnolia Township. The land proved to be seminary land, and was afterwards turned over to the State, after which, he pre-empted it and paid \$1.25 per acre for it. He lived upon it for 28 years.

Josiah married Elizabeth Hersh on February 23, 1840, and she died on September 16 of that same year. He then married Mary Ann Hutchinson who was born on April 3, 1818. Mary Ann's mother was a first cousin to Sir Walter Scott.

To this union nine children were born: James, Margaret, Walter, Matilda, Nancy, Jane (Jennie), Mary (Minnie), Olive and Martha.

Walter Scott married Mary Martha Reeder February 25, 1872 at Magnolia. (The place known as Reeder's Mills was named after Mary Reeder's family.) Children: Mary Elizabeth (Mamie), married Oscar Parks. They had two daughters, Cecil (deceased) and Lois.

Sarah Anna, married John Kilts on August 26, 1896. They operated a meat market and grocery store in Magnolia for many years. Their store burned in 1932. It was located where the present Carl Michael home is. Their son, Everett, married Helen Sehlke on February 19, 1927. They built and operated a store in Magnolia until it burned in 1934. It was located where the present fire station is.

Bertha E., married Hane Leach on December 22, 1897. They operated a General Merchandise Store in Magnolia. Hane was also a barber in Magnolia. They had an adopted daughter, Florence (deceased.)

Jennie M., married Leon Oviatt on May 4, 1898. They were the parents of four sons and six daughters. They farmed around Magnolia and Leon carried the Star Mail Route at one time. (See the Almon L. Oviatt History.)

Myrtle M., married William Dague on February 18, 1903.

Bill Dague carried the Star Mail Route and was an employee of the Magnolia Savings Bank. Their children were: Donald (deceased), Mary (Marguerite), married Walter Brondell. Address: Springfield, Illinois. Children, Virginia, Marilyn, Cheryl and Robert. Agnes, married August Urban. They have a daughter, Jean.

Anna, (deceased), Doris, married Royal J. Merryfield; William, married Arlene Gentry. Parents of three daughters, Sharon, Roberta and Mary.

Hattie, married Ralph Whitney on December 27, 1905. They lived in Missouri and then in Magnolia Township where they farmed. Children: Thelma, married Thomas Adams of Magnolia. Their children are Richard, Robert and Roberta Sue. Bessie, married Francis Harper, Sr. on May 16, 1929. Their children: Francis Jr., married Iris L. Edwards. Children, Terri, Marc, and Lori. Hattie Jean, married Burton Moores. Children, Jeffrey, Pamela,

Brenda, and Michael. Allen Ralph, married Martha Argotsinger. Children, Kyle, Craig, Cynthia, Curtis, and Kevin. Doris N., married Ervon Roseke on July 5, 1935. Children: Mary D., married Robert Godwin. Their children are Janelle, Douglas, Kevin, Barbara, and Kendall. Gloria, children: Jeffrey, Janal, Joleen, and Jason. Patricia, married James Deyo. Their children, Mark, Michelle, and Marci. Roger, married Verdeen LeFevere. Children are Ryan and Ryle. Rose Anna, married Jack Mullin on May 3, 1947. Children are Karen, David, Kevin, and Dennis.

Claude, married Ethel Whitney on October 8, 1907. Their children are: Everett, married Viola Cress on July 6, 1929. Both were Magnolia graduates. Moved to California in later years. They adopted her son, Jim. Children: Murray and Melinda. Evelyn, married James Glennie. Children: Jane, William, Joan, Mary, Carolyn, and John. Evelyn is now Mrs. Willis Polette of Missouri.

Erma, married Jodie Kinkead of Missouri. Children: Estel and Wilma.

Grace (Dick), married John Reardon on November 8, 1914. Children: Dorothy, John Darrell, Maxine, Rosemary and Marguerite.

Walter (Mac), married Helen Palmquist September 11, 1926. A son, Scott Crom, married Nancy Eymann. Parents of Elizabeth, Kathryn, and Steven.

Gladys, married Ernest Thorpe. Sons, Jack and Bill.

Mary Reeder Crom died in Magnolia on January 20, 1916 and Walter Scott Crom in Texas on July 28, 1928. Both a buried in the Magnolia Cemetery.

THE CUTLER FAMILY HISTORY

The genealogy of the Cutler family reports that James Cutler, at the age of 28, came from England and landed at Watertown, Mass. in 1634. Since that time there have been 12 generations of the Cutler family in the U.S., five of which have had their beginnings with Collins Ives Cutler. Some members of four generations have lived in or near Magnolia.

Collins Ives was born at Guidhall, Vermont, May 12, 1809 and died at Magnolia, March 23, 1809. Caroline Todd was born at Oswego, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1815, and died at Magnolia, March 23, 1901. Collins and Caroline were married July 28, 1815, during the presidency of Andrew Jackson when the frontier was exploding in a land rush. Their trail westward through New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Iowa was by oxcart. The 1850 census noted their five children and two others who were living with them, as was the common practice then to take in orphans or children of neighbors while the parents were out probing the nearby frontier. Members of the Cutler family took turns exploring the unsettled area to the west along the Missouri River. The public lands were being sold at \$1.25 an acre, and population was streaming westward. Good profits were to be had in buying rough land, laying out a farm and selling to newcomers from the east. With money in short supply, land often was used for barter, and Collins once traded 40 acres near Sioux Falls (now South Dakota) for a yoke of oxen. In the spring of 1851, Collins and his brother-in-law, Edward Todd, sold out and moved close to Council Bluffs, the westernmost trading post. In March, 1853, both Collins and Edward again sold and moved to the new Harrison County area about 25 miles north of Council Bluffs. The boundaries of this county had been set in 1851, but nothing had been done until 1853 when the Fourth General Assembly of Iowa appointed three commissioners to "locate the seat of justice



W. E. Cutler family, taken in 1888. Henry (12), Charlie (14), Frank (20), George (16), Nettie (8), Mother Violet

(41), Albert (22), Hattie (18), William E. (50), Florence (10), and Mollie (6).

of the County, as near the geographical center of the above boundaries as might be found, having due regard for the present as well as future population of the County, and when so selected, located and established, to call the name thereof Magnolia."

When Magnolia was laid out, Collins had 120 acres about a mile from town (section 8) located on the highest point in the County and covered with a good stand of timber on the rolling hills, with wild grain growing on the rest. This was ideal, as timber was needed for building and was the only source of fuel.

When Collins preempted his farm, he paid 40 percent interest on the money, which was the going rate at the time. The General Assembly later reduced the legal limit to 20 percent. It was most difficult to take rough land, clear it, and carry a 40 percent rate by farming; but for speculative development it was not unreasonable. Rough land could be preempted for \$1.25 per acre and when cleared and fenced it would bring more than double that amount. The high interest rate did put pressure on the developer, however, as mortgages were relatively short term and paid in full at maturity rather than installments.

Collins I. had preempted his farm on a development basis, and while he did not know it at the time, this would be "home" to most of his descendants for more than the next 100 years. Racing the clock against the mortgage, he injured himself building a rail fence in the fall of 1853 and was confined to bed until he died on May 5, 1855, at the age of 46. They had eight children and adopted one. It is

remembered that Caroline often admonished her children not to "overdo" as "one good day's work killed your father." At his grave site stands a buckeye tree planted by his son, William E. It is the only non-coniferous tree among the pines at the Magnolia Cemetery and shelters many Cutlers' graves. Collins was the first man to be buried in the cemetery. A woman and two children from near Modale were buried previous to that.

William Erastus Cutler, eldest child of Collins Ives and Carolyn Cutler, was born on February 20, 1838, in Cass County, Michigan. He came to Harrison County in the spring of 1853 with his parents, who were among the earliest pioneers who settled in Magnolia Township, (township 79, range 43, section 8). On September 17, 1863, he married Violet Hall, and they remained with his mother until the spring of 1864 when he purchased an additional forty acres, paying \$25 an acre, which indicated that they were "out of the woods" financially. This land was partially improved, having twenty-five acres broken, and a five-room cottage on it, also a double log stable. At the age of 32, in 1870, he built his new residence, a brick structure, 28 x 29 feet, two stories high, which is still standing. Brick was hauled from Council Bluffs and the cost of the house was \$2,000. In 1885 he built a barn 40 x 54 feet, using wooden pegs to fasten the beams, and large enough to hold about twenty-five tons of hay. The barn is still in use. From time to time he added to his farm until he acquired 364 acres, one-third under the plow, 100 acres in timber, 40 acres in meadow, and the balance in pasture land.



Dr. C.E. Cutler, Elsie (Cutler) Miller, Jenny (Cutler) Doyle, A.I. Cutler (brother of Tacoma, Washington), Roy

(Dr. Roy), Grandma White (Aunt Nell's mother) and Nellie (Dr. C. E. Cutler's wife.)

At the time he came to Magnolia Township there were but few settlers and their nearest postoffice and trading point was Council Bluffs, while their nearest gristmill was seven miles this side of the Bluffs. During the long, never-to-be-forgotten winter of 1856-57, they lost considerable livestock by reason of the deep snow and the severity of the winter. The Cutler family was here before a single district school house had been erected in the county, the first one being erected on section 7, on Cutler land, directly opposite Mr. Cutler's barn. He hauled a log to Honey Creek, ten miles north of Council Bluffs, to get lumber for the gables of this building. The first house built in the village of Magnolia was erected the same summer they came, the same being the hotel building erected by Mr. Bates; a post office and general store soon followed. While his father had paid 40 percent interest for money with which to enter his land, William bought his first land, paying \$25 an acre for one "forty" and from \$5 to \$21 for the balance per acre. Nearly all the settlers the Cutler family found when they came to the county were Mormons.

In December, 1856, the hard winter, John Ingerson and his brother (neighbors to Mr. Hall, father of Violet Hall Cutler) went hunting; it commenced to rain and sleet, then turned to snow, and one of the worst storms of the season set in. One of the brothers was frozen to death, as was also a man by the name of Barrett. The same day Mr. Cutler was at Calhoun to the mill, but after much trouble succeeded in making his way home.

The space is all too short in which to give an account of the many hardships endured by the pioneers of this section. But this was in their favor--they came to a good country and the toil of their hands was usually rewarded by a bountiful harvest and provided a good living.

William E. Cutler died Sept. 17, 1917, the father of ten children, who were Willie who lived from April to November, 1864; Albert Benoni, April 13, 1866, to July 4, 1942; Frank Erastus, March 5, 1868, to 1938; Hattie May (Richards) February 16, 1870, to 1921; George Melvin, April 1, 1872, to 1954; Charles Irwin, January 16, 1874, to February 1, 1965; Henry Collins, March 31, 1876, to February 1, 1963; Florence Violet, January 1, 1878, to February 3, 1965; Nettie Maude (Gillet), March 20, 1880, to February 1, 1947; Mollie Gertrude (Huntsinger), August 20, 1882, to May 11, 1974. Of these Charles, Henry, Florence, and Mollie will be remembered as long-time residents of the Magnolia area.

Charles married Vernice Ruffcorn in December, 1917, and their children are Grace, Francis, and Wanda. Grace was born October 7, 1918, married Jack Norman Hall, died October 9, 1969. Francis, born December 2, 1921, married Vivian Woodyard, address, Morrow, Ohio. Wanda, born January 1, 1923, married Donald Scurlocke, address Council Bluffs. Wanda has a daughter Penelope (Norris), born November 28, 1943, and two grandsons.

Mollie was a business woman running a dress shop for a number of years in Missouri Valley. After selling the shop, she moved to Great Falls, Montana, and in her later years worked for J. C. Penney Co. She later retired and moved to Seattle, Washington, to be with her daughter, Frances, who is now Mrs. Ray Purington of Seattle.

Henry married Harriette Bolch on May 15, 1908, and farmed south of Magnolia on his own and the family farm for many years. He built the big two-story house, about 1918, on the highest point in Harrison County, so established by the geodetic survey of about 1918, and again in 1968, where they lived for more than 20 years. Their children are Newell Kenneth, Melvin, Kathleen, Howard, Carroll Richard, Marguerite, Cyril Ivan, and Henry Collins.



Henry, Florence, Mollie, and Charlie Cutler taken in December, 1956.



The "old brick house" south of Magnolia, built in 1870.



The Buckeye tree in the Magnolia Cemetery.

Newell Kenneth, born August 29, 1908, married Hilda Krienke on May 15, 1931. He enlisted in the Coast Guard in W.W.II and served from August 4, 1942, until September 7, 1945. He is now a semi-retired farmer having been a seed distributor representing the Robinson Seed Co. for 21 years; she is retired, having been a teacher for 32 years, 31 of which were in Magnolia and Logan-Magnolia. They have no children.

Melvin, born September, 1909, died in infancy, aged 15 months.

Kathleen, born December 8, 1910, married Bernard Frazier, April 4, 1931. She is now a house mother at Kappa Delta Sorority, Illinois Wesleyan, Bloomington, Ill. Their children are Richard Charles, Elizabeth Ann, Barbara Jane and Mary Lou.

Richard Charles, born April 13, 1932, married Betty Langford on September 29, 1952. Address, Levelland, Texas. Their children are Richard Charles, Jr., born May 20, 1954, and Melanie Kay, born June 6, 1957. Elizabeth Ann, born June 21, 1934, graduated from Illinois State University with a B.S. degree, and on June 7, 1969, with a Masters degree in Special Education. She is a teacher specializing in the welfare and training of exceptional children. Address, Jacksonville, Ill. Barbara Jane, born March 17, 1940, married Neubert C. Johnson, December 27, 1958. She is a receptionist at the Cogley Clinic; he is employed at the Western Electric Service Center. Address, Council Bluffs. Their children are Rebecca Sue, born February 1, 1960; Sara Jane, born October 30, 1961; Jeffrey Jon, born July 26, 1963, and Amy Ann, born January 28, 1967. Mary Lou, born April 24, 1943, married John Tolbert on May 30, 1965. Address, Petoskey, Michigan. Their two sons are Timothy Michael, born January 4, 1966, and Thomas Frazier, born October 17, 1970.

Howard Clark, born in 1911. Died in infancy, aged 7 months.

Carroll Richard, born July 28, 1914, married Verdine Hansen, July 17, 1952. Address, Atlantic, Iowa. Their children are Carroll Richard, Jr., Calla Lynn, Charles Collins, Carter Allen, Clinton Eugene, Cathy Louise, and Ceciley Anne. Carroll Richard, Jr., born February 8, 1953, married Blythe Boyer on August 24, 1974. Both are graduates of Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, May, 1975. Carroll teaches music at Bagley, Jamica, and Yale, and Blythe is assistant post master at Jamica. Calla, born September 25, 1954, married James Lippincott, December 31, 1972. She is an L.P.N., having graduated from Iowa Western Community College, August 6, 1975, and is employed at the Retirement Home, Elkhorn, Iowa; he is a professional musician. Their son Aaron Matthew was born May 6, 1973. Address, Kimballton. Charles Collins, born May 19, 1956, now attending Iowa Western Community College, will graduate September 1, 1977, from a course in Agricultural Sales and Services. Carter Allen, born October 2, 1957; Clinton Eugene, born March 8, 1958; Cathy Louise, born July 28, 1964, and Ceciley Anne, born October 10, 1967.

Marguerite, born August 23, 1916, married Louis Snowden Hobson on February 15, 1936. Address, Flandreau, South Dakota. Their children are John Snowden, Jane Marie, Melissa, and Katy Lynn. John was born May 26, 1947, and is a machinist in a wool dyeing mill in Philadelphia. Jane, born June 2, 1950, married Owen Stowman on January 25, 1974. Their children are a daughter Alesia, and two adopted sons, Scott, age 5, and his brother Matthew, age 2. Address, Forest Lake, Minn. Melissa, born May 26, 1952, graduated from Northern State



Henry and Harriette Cutler, taken in April, 1950.

College, Aberdeen, So. Dakota, May 10, 1974, and teaches music. Katy was born October 17, 1958.

Cyril Ivan, born October 26, 1918, married Letha Moench on April 3, 1940. Address, Panorama City, California. He served in the U.S. Army during W.W. II. He died February 3, 1972; she is a secretary under Civil Service in the Veterans Hospital, Sepulveda. They have two sons, Cyril Ivan, Jr., born November 1, 1941, address, San Francisco; and Timothy L., born September 20, 1944. Married about 1968, Timothy and his wife, Lolita, live in the Philippine Islands where he is presently stationed. He has a career in the U.S. Air Force. They have two sons, Timothy, Jr., and James; approximately ages, seven and five. They are adopting a daughter, age eight.

Henry Collins, born November 22, 1926, married Carol Cooper, July 14, 1951. He has been self-employed in the Philadelphia area; she is a pre-school teacher. Address, Thorndale, Pa. Their two daughters are Constance June and Kenna Marie. Constance June, born November 23, 1953, graduated from Villanova University with a B.S. in Biology, May 19, 1975, and received her Masters degree in biology from Drexel University, Philadelphia, May 29, 1976.

Kenna Marie, born August 13, 1955, married Edward Dennis Marple, February 14, 1976. She is employed at the Child Development Center, Coatesville; he is employed by National Foam System, Inc. Address, Coatesville, Pa. Henry and Carol moved from Pennsylvania to Magnolia, June 1, 1976.

The brick house, which has been a landmark in Harrison County for over 100 years, is now owned by Kenneth, the third generation Cutler to own it, and plans are for the two brothers, Kenneth and Henry, to restore and perpetuate the old Cutler homestead.



Tenth generation Cutlers: Henry, Cyril, Marguerite, Carroll, Kathleen, and Kenneth, taken March 6, 1958.

Early history taken from "An American Story, The Cutler Family, 1834-1960" researched and compiled by Kenneth Ross Cutler, San Pedro, California.

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DOUGAL FAMILY

Vern P. Dougal was born at Dunlap, Iowa, and married Clara M. Swigert of Neola, Iowa. They are both deceased. Their children were: Ethel, (married to John W. Brown, deceased) lives in Omaha, Nebraska. Children are Janice and Leland; Mary, married to Louie Allstot of Logan, a son Vernon; Robert is married to Gwendolyn Quirk, residing at Fort Collins, Colorado. Their children are Patrick, William, Richard, and Mary. Vern Jr. married Jean Coleman of Omaha, Nebraska. They have a daughter Cathy. One brother Alvin is deceased. La Moine (See Gochenour Family History.)



Twin brothers, Vern and Irwin Dougal on their 90th birthdays.

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EATON HISTORY

Two brothers, Edric and Forrester Eaton, from Vermont, with their 18 year old sister, Jennie Eaton, came to Magnolia in 1851. Their Uncle Horace Eaton was Governor of Vermont and their father Maro Eaton was a cabinet maker and jeweler in Vermont and Saratoga Springs, New York. Edric and Forrester opened a Photograph Gallery and Jewelry Store in Magnolia and Jennie kept house for them. Jennie brought her melodeon, made for her by her brothers when they worked in a piano factory in Vermont. Jennie was called upon to take her melodeon wherever she went to furnish music for weddings and other events in the little village of Magnolia.

Edric Eaton left Magnolia and by 1856 opened a photograph gallery in Omaha, being the first photographer in Omaha. In 1858 and 1859, he was engaged a considerable portion of the time in taking photographs at Florence, Nebraska, of the Mormons and their outfits. During the Civil War, he spent four years in the camps of the Union soldiers, following his profession in various portions of the country, traveling with the First Nebraska Infantry. Returning to Omaha in 1866, he again opened a photograph gallery, which he conducted for over twenty years, when he retired, moving to Chicago. His daughter was Mabel Eaton, the Shakespearean Actress of New York.

Jennie Eaton, his sister, moved to Onawa to teach school, later marrying Homer Francis Fairchild, of that city.

Forrester Eaton remained and raised his family in Magnolia, moving to Central City, Nebraska in later years.

Submitted by Pauline Seabury of Pisgah, who is a granddaughter of Jennie Eaton.

EVANS FAMILY HISTORY

Joseph Franklin Porter, father of Francis J. Porter and grandfather of Joseph F. Porter, married Margaret Atchinson. They came from County Cavan, Ireland, to America via New York.

One of their children, Francis Joseph Porter, was born in New York, March 22, 1938. He married Lucy Francis at Jeddo, Harrison County, Iowa, on February 6, 1859. He died in Woodbine, Iowa. He engaged as a saw mill hand in the Jeddo, Reeder's Mill District. When the Civil War opened and the Spirit Lake massacre occurred, although having a wife and family at home, he organized a company of volunteers and merged into Co. E, Sixth Iowa Cavalry. He served three years.

To this union, on a farm near Woodbine, Iowa, ten children were born. Of this family, Francis Porter married Mark Alexander Evans, son of James and Elizabeth Evans, and made their home in Woodbine, Iowa.

In the year 1893, Mark Evans opened a funeral home and furniture store in Magnolia, east of what is now Niles Store. (1976). They had five children. Howard, the only son, served his country in the Infantry in 1918, overseas and returned with an honorable discharge. He married Frona Lauridsen, and purchased a farm north of Magnolia where he engaged in farming until his death. Frona then moved to Magnolia where she purchased the Lou Freymuller property. To this family two children were born: Joseph Porter and Barbara Ann (Lewis). Barbara lives in Colorado. Porter and his wife Lola (Freymuller) Evans are engaged in farming northeast of Magnolia. They have one son Kenneth, who has his own trucking business.

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VANE D. FOLAND

Vane D. Foland (Hap) was born at Almena, Kan. in 1899 and came to Magnolia as a small child. He attended Magnolia school where he graduated.

He was married to Elsie Helsel, of Woodbine, on October 27, 1924 at Malvern, Ia. Two sons were born to them: Gayle H. on August 29, 1927, and Maurice C. on January 5, 1929. Both boys attended school and graduated from Magnolia. Gayle in 1945, and Maurice in 1946.

In 1947 Maurice was married to Betty Grosvenor of Logan. They have one daughter, Christina (Ellison) and three sons, Gene, (Maurice Eugene), Randy (Randall Vane), and Kevin.

Gayle was married to Nina Weed of Mondamin in 1949. There are three daughters, Jacqueline (Sieck), Roxie (Carritt) and Teri Foland, and one son Garry Foland. There are four great-grandsons.

While a young man, Mr. Foland farmed and was employed by Harrison County doing road and bridge work, and later drove a school bus. In 1935 he became a Star Route mail carrier between Magnolia and Logan which he and Mrs. Foland drove for 34 years.

In 1941 Mr. and Mrs. Foland purchased the Drug Sundries Store and bar from Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Baugh. They operated this business for 25 years. During that time they had procured the adjoining brick building from the F. H. Hanson Estate and installed a freezer system, which they operated for several years. Their side interest was a farm they owned in Raglan Township.

The Folands (Hap and Elsie) sold the business and retired in 1966. Mr. Foland died in 1967 and Mrs. Foland still lives in their home on main street in Magnolia.

D. C. FORDE HISTORY

Dan Forde was born in Cork Ireland, April 4, 1865, he died in 1937. He came to this country in 1886. Here he first secured employment on a farm for \$20 a month and worked for 15 years for ownership of his own farm in Magnolia township. This was purchased from his Aunt Mary Krauskoph. Always an admirer of stock, he made cattle feeding his business. He left brothers and sisters in Ireland. One of his sisters, Mary Klub, came to America and lived in Missouri Valley.

In 1903, Mr. Forde married Margaret Cooper. She was born in London, Canada. Miss Cooper was one of Magnolia's best loved and accomplished young ladies. For several years she had been a successful teacher in the vicinity. Margaret's parents came from England. Her mother Frances Holben was a sister to Ed. Holben's father, Uncle Arthur. Her father was Benjamin Cooper. After coming to Canada, then to America, they resided near Mondamin. After her father died, her mother married Alfred Gee. She had seven sisters and four brothers: Bessie Dewell, John Cooper, Florence McHenry, Agnes Peasley, Fred Cooper, Nellie Wallis, Annie Olmstead, Ethel Maule, Frances Wallis, George Gee, and Roy Gee.

There were five children in the Forde family. Mary McCrickard, (died 1972); Eileen Rodenburg, RFD Neola; Phillip Forde, Council Bluffs; Catharine Sorensen, Ft. Calhoun, Nebraska (died 1970); and Frances McFee, Magnolia.

The family were members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Philip Forde and Marie (Canfield) Forde farmed the home place for many years before retiring to Council Bluffs, Iowa. The farm is now farmed by their son, Dennis, who is married to the former Ann Smith. They have two daughters, Heather and Maria.

ADOLPH FREYMULLER

Adolph Freymuller (1846-1934) was born in Hanover, Germany, and received his education and taught school there before coming to the United States. He married Mary Schwertfager (1858-1938) of Pennsylvania; they lived at Onawa, Iowa, before moving to a farm in Magnolia Township in the early 1880's. Later they purchased a home in Magnolia.

To this union were born four sons and four daughters. Louis J., Joseph W., Albert H., Josephine, Ann, Gertrude, Adolph, and Mary.

Many people in this area will remember Mary as "Grandma Freymuller" for her services as a midwife. After her children were grown and had homes of their own, she worked with Dr. F. H. Hanson, M.D. of Magnolia, staying in the homes for ten days, caring for the new baby and mother and other members of the family.

Louis J. Freymuller, eldest son of Adolph and Mary, (1876-1958) born at Onawa, Iowa, was also baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Faith there. He was married to Jennie R. Walker (died 1958), daughter of Wells and

Candace Walker, April 5, 1905. They started life together on the farm now owned by Frank Pitt, south of Magnolia, which was one of the farms owned by Mr. Walker. They moved shortly after to a farm in the Hardscratch area.



Adolph and Elsa Freymuller.

Born to this union were five children: Dorothy (Mrs. Herman Michael) Magnolia, Ina (Mrs. Lowell Howard) deceased in 1974, Mary (Mrs. John R. Williams) Council Bluffs, Esther Hansen, Anaheim, California, and Max Freymuller, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The family moved to Magnolia in 1918, residing there until the death of Louis in October, 1958, and Jennie, December, 1958.

Joseph William Freymuller (1878-1947) was born at Onawa, Iowa, and came with his family to Magnolia Township as a young boy. He received his education in Magnolia schools, joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and later taught Sunday School there. At the age of 20 he began work for Thomas Chatburn Sr., son of Jonas Chatburn; as a farm hand, this relationship continued for 14 years.

In February, 1906, he was married to Nellie Mahoney (1885-1968) a granddaughter of Stephen (1809-1888) and Martha Barrowclough Mahoney (born 1828), early settlers in Magnolia township. He continued to farm in the Magnolia area.

To this union were born two children, Martha Mary (Mrs. Dean Girton) and Leroy Elisha. Martha and Dean, son of Sherman and Clara Mandana (McCollum) Girton, were married on December 27, 1924. Children of Dean (1905-1954) and Martha Girton are Betty (Mrs. Joseph E. Plath) Pisgah, born April 23, 1925; Darrel Dean, Ames, born February 22, 1927, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering at Iowa State University; Nadene (Mrs. Robert Bryan, Jr.), Dawson, born May 12, 1929; Alice (Mrs. Richard Landon), Logan, born September 17, 1931; Audrey, at home, born July 1, 1935, N. W. Bell Telephone, Office Manager at Omaha. Ardith (Mrs. Bryan Crow), Phoenix, Arizona, born April 9, 1936; Richard Sherman, Chief Petty Officer, U.S.N.A.E., Key West Florida, born February 2, 1944; and Mary Margaret (Mrs. Jerry Maguire), Logan, born June 22, 1946.

Children of Leroy Elisha (1914-1972) and Helena (Stirtz) Freymuller are Robert, born May 3, 1939; William Joseph, born July 26, 1940, and Kay Jean, born October 21, 1946. Robert is at home; William Joseph married Kay Johanson of Elmore, Minnesota. They have one daughter, Rebecca. They live in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where Bill is employed by I.S. Joseph Grain Co.; Kay Jean, is the insurance agent for The Farm Bureau, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, at Logan.

Alfred Albert Henry Freymuller (1880-1955) married Sarah Tuflly (1883-1947). They farmed in Magnolia Township, and Albert also worked for the state, maintaining what is now Highway 127 for 22 years, retiring from that job in 1947. They had four children, Harold, Paul, Harry, and Lucy.

Harold died in 1934 at 32 years of age. He married Armatine Bailey of Mississippi. They had one daughter Mrs. Barbara Moore of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Paul married Dorothy Thompson of Missouri Valley. They farmed several years near Mondamin. Then moved to Nevada, Iowa, where he is now employed by Crow Seed Co. They have one son, Larry, who married Sandra Rounds of Mondamin, Iowa. He is in the Coast Guard, and their home is in St. Louis. They have one daughter Kay (Mrs. Andy Jensen) of Omaha, and they have a son, Jeff.

Harry married Dorothy Wehrli of Missouri Valley. They live on a farm near Blencoe and Dorothy taught in the public schools for many years. They have one daughter Diane Woods of Clinton, Iowa, who is a tutor in the Clinton schools.

Lucy married Earl Collison of Blencoe. They had three children: Mrs. Earlene Guerra of Downey, California; Mrs. Marlene Rishey of Oregon, and Earl Jr., U.S. Navy, California. After Earl's death, Lucy married Ralph Wickersham and they had one daughter Darlene, who is a senior in Downey school. Lucy died at Downey at age 53.

Josephine Freymuller (1882-1953) married Robert Dewell (1879-1974) July 28, 1903 at the Magnolia Methodist Church. Rev. Owen Smith was the minister. Robert was the son of John Dewell who owned and operated a general store in Magnolia. They lived most of their married life in Fremont, Nebraska, and later moved to Long Beach, California. Their children are Emma Anna, born May 14, 1904, deceased at six months; Robert Jr., born June 23, 1905; Donald Wells, born February 28, 1907, died as an infant; Bernard, born December 16, 1909, of Hartford, Conn. has two daughters; Victor, born August 12, 1912, has three daughters, and Charles Edward, born March 13, 1917, Cypress, has one son and two step daughters.

Ann (born 1887) Mrs. Ben O'Hara. Ben and Ann O'Hara lived in Magnolia, for a number of years. He was the manager of the Magnolia Creamery, which was located on the site of the present D.X. Station. Local farmers brought in the whole milk to be separated and the cream churned to butter. Later, farmers bought their own small separators and the creamery went out of business. Bricks salvaged from the building were used to construct the gas station. After Mr. O'Hara's death, Ann married Carl Harrah. She is now an invalid living in a nursing home in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Gertrude (1890-1967) Mrs. Carl Michael. (See Michael family history.)

Adolph (1892-1952) married Elsa Niedermeyer, daughter of Theodore and Johanna. Their first home was a farm in the Hardscratch community before moving to Magnolia Township. They had three children: Wilbur Walter, who died in infancy; Theodore, and Lola (Mrs. Porter Evans.) Theodore married Laverne Weed, they had one son, Jim. After Lavern's death he married Madonna Waite. They and

Jim live at their farm home north of Magnolia. Mother Elsa makes her home with them now and will celebrate her 80th birthday on April 27, 1976. Lola and Porter Evans and son Kenneth live on their farm north of Magnolia. Kenneth helps with the farming and also does trucking.

Mary (1894-1963) Mrs. Chris Peterson. Their first home was on a farm southwest of Magnolia. Later they moved to a farm near Modale, Iowa. Mr. Peterson was born in 1891 and died in 1950.

Their children are Beatrice (Mrs. Paul Watkins) Modale; Carl of Kansas City; Lester of Mondamin; Harold of Modale; Jack of Council Bluffs; Irene (Mrs. Marvin Schelle) Modale; Ralph of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and Roberta Peter of Council Bluffs.

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CHARLES GILKERSON HISTORY



The Gilkerson home of four generations, since September 1876. Mr. and Mrs. William Gilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Gilkerson and family, Jeanette Gilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilkerson and family: Mary Jean (Mrs. Joe Jessen), Doris (Mrs. R.K. Sutton), Donald, and Dorothy (Mrs. Charles Jessen).

GOCHENOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Samuel N. Gochenour was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and married Laura Mae Birdsall, who was born at Pacific Junction, Iowa. They are both deceased. They were the parents of two girls and nine boys. Jim, Oscar, and Willard are deceased, the other descendants are as follows.

Ross Gochenour married Wilma Wallis and they live in Logan. Their children are Esther, Robert, Wallis, Walter and Kay.

Claude lives in Missouri Valley.

Everett married Louise Millett and lives in Missouri Valley. Their children are: Marcita, Bonnie, Samuel, Justin, Everett, Jr., Forrest, Susan, and Rex.

Jess, a twin, married Lorene Ambrose and they live just west of Magnolia. Their children are Carolyn and Joan.

Albert, a twin, born at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, married LaMoine E. Dougal, who was born at Dunlap, Iowa, the daughter of Vern P. and Clara M. (Swigert) Dougal, who are both deceased. Albert and LaMoine live in Magnolia, and their children are Walter Kevin, who married Debra Lea Daight, and they live in Logan; Larry Dean, who lives in Magnolia; step-son Charles V. Briney, who married Sandra K. Swan of Ames, Iowa. They have one son, Christofer Alan, and they live in Omaha.



Samuel and Laura Gochenour.

Francis married Donna Copp, and they live in Logan. Their children are Sandra, Danny, Kent, and Teri.

Marie married Mervin Earlywine of Mondamin. They are the parents of one son, Gary (deceased).

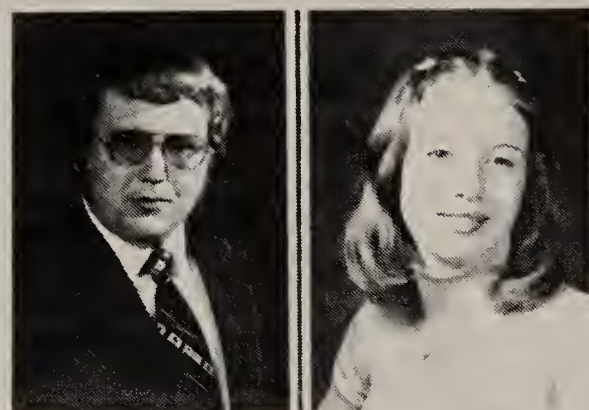
Bernice married Fred Sarratt, and they live in Missouri Valley.



Wedding photo of Charles and Sandy Briney.



Gochenour family. Front row: Robert, Esther (Michael), Samuel holding Wallis. Second row: Francis and Marie (Earlywine.)



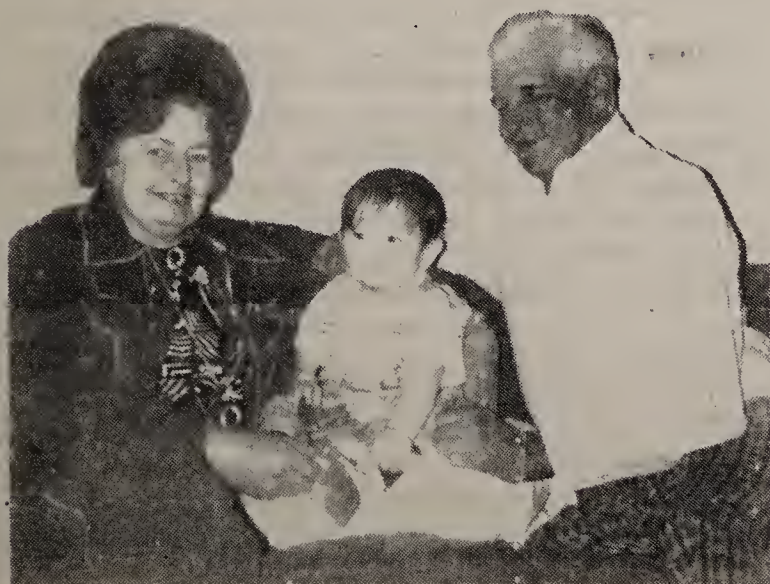
Albert Gochenour family. Kevin and wife, Debra (Daigh) Gochenour and Larry.

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WILLIAM HEFFORD HISTORY

William Hefford was born in Buffalo, New York on February 20, 1832, and first came to Neenah, Wisconsin. He stayed there a few months and then traveled by foot from there to Iowa and came to Magnolia, which then was the principal town of Harrison County. He worked at his trade as a carpenter, and on April 29, 1860 he married Sarah Ratliff. In 1872 they moved on the Willow and in another four years moved to a farm near by. They purchased this farm and farmed for a number of years. When his oldest daughter, Jessie, was married in 1880 to Peter Bolch, the Heffords retired and moved to Logan.

They had three children; Jessie Bolch, Harriett, Mrs. Giles Hospins of Missouri Valley; and Ruby, Mrs. B. F. Huff of Logan.



Albert and LaMoine Gochenour with grandson, Christofer Briney.

Mr. Hefford passed way February 12, 1907. Had he lived a few days longer he would have been 75 years of age. Years later the farm was sold to Jim Winther, whose son lives on the place.

Mr. Hefford was a prominent worker in the Masonic Lodge and was the first Master Mason in Harrison County, Chapter 126. He made the furniture for the Lodge which was all intricate items with several kinds of wood used in the inlays. He made the gavel and all the stations. Presently the furniture is displayed at the Harrison County Historical Village, and his picture hangs proudly on the wall above it.

Peter Bolch had four daughters: Nellie Bolch Cox, Eva Bolch Peterson, Ruby Bolch Patton, and Dorothy Bolch Foutch.

Nellie Bolch and her husband Martin Cox had five children: Francis Cox, Harry M. Cox, Edith Cox Holeyton, Vera Cox McKenny, and Howard K. Cox.

This history was submitted by Vera Cox McKenney of Dunlap, Iowa, who is a Great-grandchild of William Hefford.



Hathaway family. Front row: Thelma and Francis. Back row: Larry, Dennis, and Janet.

HATHAWAY FAMILY HISTORY

Rebecca Graybill and Delwin Hathaway were married in Onawa on March 5, 1913. They have lived their entire lives in Onawa and vicinity, having recently celebrated their sixty-third wedding anniversary. Mr. Hathaway's heritage goes back to England. Their children were: Donald (deceased), Mary Skaw of Crescent; Francis of Magnolia; Warren of Castana; Howard of Onawa; and Jean Johnston of Council Bluffs.

Maude Lukehart of Moorhead and Elmer K. Patterson of Chicago, Illinois, were married on May 17, 1920, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ballantyne in Magnolia. Mr. Ballantyne, a minister in the R.L.D.S. Church, officiated at

the ceremony. Their children are Thelma (Patterson) Hathaway of rural Magnolia, Dean Patterson of Omaha, and Paul Patterson of Stockton, California. Mr. Patterson passed away in 1969, and Mrs. Patterson resides at Culavin Heights in Missouri Valley. Maude met her husband through friends in the church and they corresponded while he was in the service during W.W. I. He was engaged in battle in France, and after his return, they were married and went to Marion, Iowa, (a suburb of Cedar Rapids) to live where he was a salesman for business machines. Thelma was born there on July 17, 1921. She attended high school in Castana, and graduated from Dana College in 1965 with a BA in Education. She was a teacher for 15 years, 13 of which were in Magnolia and Logan-Magnolia Community Schools.

Francis Hathaway was born September 19, 1918. He was living on a farm north of Turin when he and Thelma Patterson, of Castana, were married at the home of Chester Davis in Soldier, on June 22, 1940. In addition to farming, Mr. Hathaway has been a self-sustained minister of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since 1946. He has served as pastor of congregations in Castana, Little Sioux, Magnolia, Logan, and Onawa. At the present time he is the District President for Woodbine District. Children of Francis and Thelma Hathaway are Larry, Dennis, and Janice.

Larry of Santa Monica, California, has never married. He is a graduate of Magnolia High School and Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg, and has been an auditor for the General Accounting Office of the U.S. Government from March, 1964, to January, 1974. In 1972 he was promoted to the position of Audit Manager. As a senior management member of the Los Angeles Regional Office staff he was involved with reviews and evaluations of the operations, activities, and management control of the Federal executive departments and private corporations having government contracts in Southern California, Arizona, and Southern Nevada. Larry resigned his position in 1974 to spend full time in free-lance photography.

Dennis graduated from Magnolia High School and later received his BA in Journalism from ISU in Ames. On September 1, 1967, he was married to Susan Oard of Webster City. She is now an attorney at law in New York City. Until they moved to N.Y. in May, 1974, Dennis worked on the Davenport "Times-Democrat" and the Rock Island "Argosy" newspapers. They have one daughter, Gabrielle, born on September 23, 1969.

Janice graduated from Logan-Magnolia Community High School and attended three years at Graceland College in Lamoni. She married James Dodds of Grand Rapids, Michigan on August 31, 1968. They have no children.

ERNEST HERMAN HISTORY

Carl Hermann was born in 1831 in Newbrandenburg, Germany, and married Mary Dohn, born 1833 in Proozdorf, Germany. They farmed all their life. To this union eight children were born: August, William, John, Frank, Lena, Gusta (Kucks), Lizzie (Donn), and Freda (Kucks).

August Herman was born in 1857 in Mecklenburg, Germany and married Sophia Nelk born in 1861 in Dorlin Vorpunen, Germany. They came to the U.S.A. and farmed north of Magnolia. The family had eight children, Anna (Steffon), Lena, Fred, Edward, Emma (Mensching), Effie (Mensching), Freda (Plath), and Ernest.

Ernest Herman was born, raised and farmed on the same farm all of his life from 1898 to 1971. He was married to Margaret Plath, born 1899 in Magnolia Township. They had two children: Eileen (Mrs. Joe Schraeder) farm in

Magnolia Township and Lucille (Mrs. William Perkins,) they farm at Pisgah, Iowa.

Joe and Eileen have two children: Jane (Mrs. David Brueggemann). She and her husband are both R.N. at a hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. John, graduated from

Logan-Magnolia school in 1976.

Lucille and William have three children: Dianne (Mrs. David Smith), he is on the police force in Lincoln, Nebraska; Dennis, (married Sue Jensen) farming at Woodbine, Iowa, and Danny who married Janice Shannon and is a mechanic at Pisgah, Iowa.



Front row: Emma Mensching, Ernie Herman, Anna Steffon. Back row: Effie Mensching, Ed Herman, Frieda Plath and Fred Herman.

FRED HERMAN HISTORY

Fred Herman was born August 2, 1883, in Allen township, son of August and Sophia (Nelk) Herman. They moved to Magnolia Township, northeast of Magnolia on a farm his parents had bought. He was married to Julia Voss, daughter of Henry and Mary Podendorf Voss, on September 19, 1906, and they farmed just west of his parents until they moved to Logan in 1955. They were life long members of the Lutheran Church at Magnolia. They had two sons and two daughters: Arthur, Lena, Mildred and Bernard who died in childhood.

Arthur was born August 10, 1907, and married Della Henderson. He lives on the same farm where he was born. They had three sons and one daughter. Donald, who lives in Rapid City, South Dakota, is an auditor for Mobil Oil Co. He married Yvonne Schmidt and they have five sons: Dan, Tom, Gregg, Gary, and Jerry.

Robert married Linda Seabury and farms west of

Pisgah. They have three daughters, Sherri, Tracy, and Amy.

Jane Ann married Donald Mether and they farm. They have two sons and two daughters: Douglas, Richard, Deborah, and Denise.

David married Rhonda Knauss and lives south of Magnolia. He works for Culligan Water Softener Company. They have one son, Brian.

Mildred married John Fellows and they live in Shenandoah, Iowa. They had three children: Jon, who died in infancy, Larry, and Connie.

Larry is married and has three sons. They live in Rollo, Missouri, where he is a geology teacher at the Missouri State College. Connie married Bill DeLaney and they live at Union, Iowa, where they both teach school. They have two sons and one daughter.

Lena was married to Leo Damm and died in 1964.



Fred Herman family. Front row: Julia (Voss) Herman, Fred Herman. Second row: Mid Fellows, Arthur, and Lena Damm.



August and Sophie (Nelk) Herman.

HERBERT HERMAN FAMILY HISTORY

The late Herbert August Michael Herman was born July 28, 1896, near Magnolia. He was the son of William Carl and Ida Michael Herman.

He attended the neighborhood rural school and also Woodbine Normal. He served in the U.S. Army during the first World War and was a lifetime member of the American Legion.

He and Frances Moffitt, of Mondamin, were married February 12, 1930, at the parsonage of Zion Lutheran Church in Magnolia. They had two children--a son, Richard Leroy, who died in infancy, and a daughter, Orma Louise, born September 24, 1938.

They started housekeeping on the Frank Landee farm, just south of the four corners on the Willow Valley road. In 1943 they moved to the former Brint Fallon farm in the southeast corner of Magnolia. The Ida Nelk property was also purchased and the farm and home were combined. This was their home until 1973.

Orma Louise completed the full twelve years at the Magnolia school with the class of 1956. She was active in music, journalism, athletics, and dramatics during those years. After high school graduation, she attended Iowa State University at Ames for two years.

July 20, 1958, she and Keith D. Kraai, of Omaha, were married at Zion Lutheran Church. They established their home in Marquette, Michigan, and have resided in New Hampshire, Texas, and Maryland, before moving in 1973 to their present home in Shakopee, Minnesota. They are the parents of Karen Rae, Kristian John, Kathryn Louise, and Karl Herman Kraai.

Herbert, Frances, and Orma Louise were active members of Zion Lutheran Church and served in various capacities in the congregation.

Herbert served many years as Magnolia town and township assessor. He also had been secretary of the school board and town councilman, as well as serving as secretary of the County Farm Bureau and the Harrison County Creamery.

Frances served as treasurer of the town for several years. She is a longtime member of the Ailongam Club and American Legion Auxiliary. She and Orma were active in the Magnolia Livewires 4-H Club and County Extension and 4-H activities.

Herbert's entire lifetime was spent in the Magnolia community, as a farmer. He passed away at his home, May 24, 1972, and was laid to rest in the Magnolia Cemetery, near his home.

Mrs. Herman sold the property to Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Hillman in 1973, and now resides in Logan, Iowa.

WILLIAM HERMAN FAMILY

William Carl Herman was born in 1861 in Germany and died in 1937. He married Ida Marie Michael, who was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1867 and died in 1924. William farmed in Harrison County seven miles northwest of Magnolia and lived in Harrison County all of his life.

There were seven children, all born in Harrison County, Edith Herman (1893-1962), Herbert Herman born in 1896 (married Francis Moffat) (See Herbert Herman History), Erma Herman, born in 1899, married Richard Swanson in the Magnolia Lutheran Church in 1927.

To this union two sons were born: Richard of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Robert of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Elmer Herman, born 1902, married Marcella Higgins. To this union two sons were born, Charles of Missouri Valley, Iowa, and James of Modale, Iowa.

Marie Herman, born 1903, married Ezra Kersten and to this union four children were born: William of Chicago, Illinois, Ardithe (Kersten) Bosworth of Logan, Marcella (Kersten) Shepard of Omaha, Nebraska, Louella (Kersten) Sears of Kansas City. Ella Herman born 1907, married to Leslie Barry at the William Herman home in 1928, and to this union two daughters were born: Mary (Barry) Schra of Lebanon, Oregon, and Ruth (Barry) Wittenbaugh of Jamestown, Colorado.

Charlotte Herman, born 1909, married to Howard Arthur Holben at the William Herman home, June 29, 1927. They farmed until 1958 then moved to Logan, Iowa, and managed the Holben Rest Home until 1973. To this union eight children were born: Shirley, born 1930, married Lloyd Cooper October 5, 1952. Shirley is an R.N. at Harlan, Iowa. To this union four children were born: Cindi, Bradford, Clarise, and Randall. Idamae, born 1932, married Ronald Brandenburg in 1951. Idamae who taught school until her marriage now lives on a farm near Denison, Iowa. To this union three children were born: Steven, Diane, and Debra. Leslie Howard, born 1934, was married to Esta Dickinson in 1954. Leslie is an engineer with Collins Radio Co. in Dallas, Texas. They have three children: Leslie Howard II, and twins Christopher and Jodi Marie. Dorothy, born 1936, was married to Larry Elias in 1955. Dorothy worked in Council Bluffs Savings Bank until her marriage. She now lives in Persia, Iowa, and works in the bank there. They have three children: Craig, Mark, and Kimberly.

Karolyn, born 1939, was married to Stanley Weed in 1958. Karolyn worked for Mutual of Omaha. She now lives in Wilmette, Illinois, and is the librarian in a University there. They have one daughter, Sheila. Wilma Jean, born 1944, was married to Marlyn Netsch in 1965. Jean worked for Bell Telephone Co. in Omaha, Neb. before her marriage.

They have three children, Jeffrey, Tana, and Christina. Ronald Herman, born 1947, was married to Patricia McIntosh in 1968. Ronnie farms and raises purebred Duroc hogs. They have three children: Matthew, Meri, and Meagen. Dona, born 1948, married Tom Emswiler in 1970. Dona is an R.N. and head nurse in Pediatrics at Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa. They have one daughter, Tereasa.

PAUL E. HILLER HISTORY

Both Paul and Thelma Hiller were born and raised in Harrison County and moved to Magnolia Township in 1950.

Paul is the son of Fred and Grace (Henderson) Hiller. He has one brother, Perry, and two sisters, Arlene Murphy and Eugenia Greer.

Thelma is the daughter of J. Lloyd Mikesell and Mabel (Condron) Mikesell. She had one brother, Lyle (deceased) and two sisters, Norma Gibson and Wanda Dunsmoor.

Paul and Thelma were married in 1935. They farmed near Olympus (N.W. of Woodbine) and near Dunlap before buying what is known as the Walter Reep farm southeast of Magnolia where they still reside. They are the parents of two children, both of whom are residing in Council Bluffs. They are Harold P., married Cecile Jacobsen in 1958. They have four children: Lynn, Danny, Teri, and Sheri; and Patricia K. who married Franklin Weber in 1971.

Paul's grandparents on his father's side came over from Germany in the 1800's and Thelma's ancestors came from Pennsylvania.

Paul and Thelma celebrated their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary on September 26, 1975. An open house was held at the Magnolia Legion Building with their children hosting the affair.

E. H. HOLBEN FAMILY

Edwin H. Holben was born in East Canada in 1877 and died in 1969. He was married to Nellie Elhert, born in Harrison County Iowa and who died in 1954. They farmed on the Willow bottom until 1944 when they moved to Logan, Iowa. To this union four children were born:

Howard Arthur Holben, 1904, married to Charlotte Herman in 1927. They were the parents of eight children. (See William Herman history.)

Francis Herbert Holben, 1906, married to Cleo Hawes in 1929. They have one daughter, Norma Jean.

Emily Holben, 1909, married to Clarence Cowan. They have no children.

Wilson Edwin Holben, 1914, married to Reva Boyd. They have one daughter, Delores.

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ANDREW JOHNSON

Andrew Johnson was born February 18, 1827, in Christianstadt, Sweden, and died in Magnolia, Iowa, August 31, 1924. His wife, Elizabeth, was born September, 1830, in Sweden, and died on July 31, 1912, in Magnolia.

"Grandfather came to the United States, to Omaha, Nebraska, in 1868 and was employed by the Union Pacific shoeing horses. Grandmother and the four oldest children, Gussie, Alfred, Robert, and baby Charles, came a year later. A day or so out of New York baby Charles died, and grandmother carried him in a blanket so he wouldn't have to be buried at sea. He was buried on Ellis Island. Charles Edward, my father, and his sister, Mollie, were born in Omaha.

They moved to Magnolia in 1881 and were engaged in farming and stock raising. He purchased 80 acres west of Magnolia for \$750.00, from James Harvey and wife, on June 2, 1877. In 1932 it was appraised as an estate for \$3000.

Grandfather united with the R.L.D.S. Church in Sweden in 1857, and served as an Elder for many years. On November 7, 1904, he received the Patriarchial Blessing from Charles Derry.

I remember grandfather had an old black horse named Leeta. We grandchildren loved to pet and talk to Leeta. He also had a one seated buggy that he kept immaculate and shiny, that he and grandmother drove to Church and other places.

I am his granddaughter, Geraldine Johnson VanNess."

Ref. Court house records, Logan Herald-Observer Office and from what Mrs. VanNess remembers hearing and seeing.

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CHARLES LAMBERSON HISTORY

Charles and Dorothy Lamberson moved to the Mike Doyle farm, two miles south of Magnolia in 1935. Dorothy drove a team and wagon to do her shopping at Field's store the first year or so.

Their three children, Charles Jr., John and Joan were born on the farm and educated in Magnolia School, which at that time, was considered one of the best schools in the state.

Charles Jr. now owns what was known as the John Bice farm. He is married to Darlene (Bedsaul) and they have four children: Rebecca, Gail, Johna and Jean. John farms what is known as the Unmack farm.

Dorothy's father, Julius Grosvenor, went to the first Old Settlers celebration. He never missed it if possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lamberson Sr. still are living on the same farm in 1976.

GEORGE LENNERT HISTORY

George Lennert was born in Hesse Darmstadt Germany, on March 1, 1841. He came to this country when a young man of 15 years of age and went to Pennsylvania.

He was united in marriage to Susanne Peters on January 23, 1864, in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, where she was born on May 14, 1847. They came to Iowa shortly after their marriage. They lived several years in the Calhoun vicinity, and then moved to the Willow Valley. They bought a farm in Magnolia Township, section 23, known as the Dutch Four Corners in 1872. They lived there for many years raising their eight children there. Mr. Lennert told of there being only one house between Magnolia and Logan when they settled there. He accumulated a great deal of land which he passed on to each of his children.

When their youngest son, Henry, married, Mr. and Mrs. Lennert bought a small home between Magnolia and Logan which was then known as the farm at the head of the Glen. He had an orchard, a cow, and a garden. He kept his family well supplied with fruit of all kinds, vinegar and honey.



The George Lennert home on the Dutch Four Corners showing what was known as a summer kitchen. The home was built in 1898. Those in the photo are Father George, John, Henry Mollie, Roy, Amanda, and Mrs. Lennert.

They lived in this home until their deaths. Mrs. Lennert passed away March 2, 1915. Mollie lived at home with her father until his death on April 24, 1930. They were members of the Willow Methodist Church and then transferred to the Magnolia Methodist Church.

There children were: Anna, Kate, Mary, John, Arnold, Marjorie, Amanda, Sarah, and Henry.

Anna died at the age of 17 and another child died in infancy.

Kate, born April 20, 1869 and died June 29, 1940. She married Tom Landon and were the parents of two sons, George, who died in World War I and Fred who married Edna Wood.

Mary (Mollie), born February 24, 1872, died September 8, 1949. Married Henry Landon. They had one son, James, who married Naomi. Children: Mary Elizabeth, James, Harold, Jean and Carl.

John, born August 24, 1880; died October 13, 1946. Married Jessie Snyder. Children: Inez, married Alfred Radloff. Address: Missouri Valley. Two children: Arlene and Kenneth. Arnold, married Mary Clark. Address: Portage, Michigan. Bernadine, married George Merrdinger. Address: Underwood, Iowa. Children: James and Gene. Mira, married Leland Gilleland. Address: Belleville, Michigan. One son, Randy. Marjorie, married Forest Smith. Address: Upsilanti, Michigan. Children: Linda and Wesley. Velma, married Robert Peyton of California. Children; Connie and Douglas.

Amanda, born July 30, 1884, died March 9, 1949. Married Herman Methers. Children: Edwin, Erwin, Lillian and William. (See Herman Methers History.)



Lennert family. Front row: Sarah Skinner, George (father), Mary (Mollie) Landon. Back row: John, Amanda Methers, Kate Landon, and Henry.

Sarah, born April 5, 1875, died July 25, 1953. Married Charles Skinner. Children: Ross, married Eva Merchant. Children: Paul, Louis Bitterlie, sons, Benny Jr. and James; Ross Jr. (deceased January 17, 1975.) Luella Bitterlie, children, Robert and Linda; Lloyd, daughter Ruth; Charles, children, Julie, Joe and John; Vern, (Deceased August 23, 1966) daughters, Laurie and Kathleen; Lois Reeh, son, George; Nadine Christenson, children Roxanne, Daniel and Tom; and Delmond, daughters, Michelle and Jennifer. Susan, married Otto Trexall. Elmer, married Grace Lenz. Daughter, Donnabelle John, son Dwight. Alta, married W. J. Kellie; Elsa, married Gene Galob. Daughter Delores. George, married Edith Killpack. Children are JoAnn, Jerry, Alma Sue, and Sally Jane.

Henry, born November 7, 1887, died January 8, 1972. Married Martha Besmer.

When Henry Lennert retired he moved to Logan after many years on the home farm. He sold the farm to Fred and Grace Hiller. They lived on the farm for eleven years. Mr. Hiller then sold the farm to Erwin Methers, a Grandson of George Lennert. Erwin's son, Donald, and his family live in the original home and have farmed there for the past five years.

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ANGUS McFEE

Angus McFee and Abigail Bronson McCarthy McFee with their four daughters Mary, Effie, Margaret, and Mary came to Magnolia from Canada. They choose land several miles north of Magnolia to make their home. They lived in a log house clearing the land for farming. Angus had been a tailor. They were of the Catholic faith.

Their family grew to one son Thomas and five more daughters, Johanna, Katherine, Abigail, Bridget, and Ellen. As Thomas, called Tom, grew to manhood he farmed with his father. In 1903 he married Anna Wollitz. To this union was born four sons, Harry, Vern, Donald, Ardo, and two daughters, Helen and Pauline. Tom lived on this farm, except for two years when he lived on a farm close by, until his death in 1930.

Johanna married Will Krauskoff and to this union was born two daughters, Katherine, Hildred and one son, Tom. Katherine married Will Donn and to this union was born a son Bill and a daughter Ina. Abigail married Don Purcell and they had two sons, Angus and Bernard. Bridget married Dave Erxion and to this union was born four daughters: Irma, Vera, Etta, Mary, and one son Virgil. Ellen was never married.

The family name had been spelled McPhee. It is believed the McFee ancestors came from a small Scottish island called Balaromin Mor. on Colonsay, a small island in the open Atlantic, twenty five miles west of the mainland. Siblings from these generations emigrated to Canada, Australia, and the United States.

LUCIUS MERCHANT

Lucius Merchant, a stone cutter, and his wife, Hortensia Patrick Merchant, both from Franklin County, Mass., came from Nauvoo, Illinois, in 1846, to Kanesville, Pottawattamie County, Iowa. Their first son, Amasa L., born in Nauvoo, came with them to Kanesville, then to Magnolia Township in 1851. In the spring he built a log cabin and fenced in ten acres. This was about the first improvement made in Magnolia township. At that time the temporary county seat was being located, and the three commissioners appointed by the Governor stopped at Mr. Merchant's cabin and spoke of locating the county seat there. Mr. Merchant told them he intended to make a farm there and did not care for the county seat. His claim was 320 acres on section 8, township 79, range 43. He guided a number of early pioneers in 1851 to locations in the Magnolia area.

A Mr. Cleveland, here in advance of Mr. Merchant, about 1849, moved on to Utah, and he sold his 20 acres and log cabin to Mr. Artemus Ward Lockling and wife Thirza Streeter, formerly from Lyndon, Vermont, then St. Joseph, Missouri, and on to Magnolia in 1851. Mr. Lockling was a carpenter by trade and built the first frame residence in Magnolia. He was an active carpenter in the growing community. He was also an Elder of the R.L.D.S. Church,

having joined in 1835, a few years after it was organized. As an ordained minister, he could solemnize marriages. The Clerk of Court of Pottawattamie Co. affixed the Iowa seal to this church office April 23, 1851. Lymon Streeter, father of Thirza, Mrs. Artemus Lockling, was buried in the Magnolia Cemetery in March 1866 at the age of 94 years.

Mr. Streeter was born in 1771, moved to Lyndon, Vermont, in 1820, then to the Magnolia area to be near his family sometime after 1851.

In 1926, Amasa L. Merchant was chosen to unveil the Log Cabin memorial along with Mrs. Julia Vincent, the first white child born in the county. He was chosen as he was the oldest living settler in the Magnolia area at that time. Julia Vincent was born in a prairie schooner three miles south of Magnolia in 1848.

Submitted by Bernice Lenz Chamberlain, great-granddaughter of Lucius Merchant and granddaughter of Amasa L. Merchant and Artemus W. Lockling.

Ward H. Swalley of Magnolia is a great-grandson of Artemus Ward Lockling.



William Methers and his wife, Wilhelmina (Bandlow) Methers.

WILHOLM MUETHER WILLIAM METHERS

Wilholm Muether was born in Mecklenburg, Strelitz, Germany on the 10th day of January, 1832. He was married to Wilhelmina Bandlow in the old home in Germany on May 6, 1860.

In 1865 this sturdy German couple left their fatherland to come to America and located at Boone, Iowa. After three years they came west and located in Harrison County, Magnolia Township, Section 24. It was there they raised their six children. The three elder children were born in Germany, the other three here. August was six months old when they left Germany to sail to America.

They moved to the Willow Valley and bought the present Methers home in Section 22 from J.C. Smith; it is known as the Dutch Four Corners. They lived there seven years. When their son, Herman was married, he moved onto the home place. Wilholm retired and moved to Magnolia until Mrs. Methers's death in 1910.

The William Methers name was spelled Wilholm Muether (the German way) until some time around 1913, when it was changed to William Methers.

Mr. Methers lived with August and with his daughters until his death at August Methers's home in 1914.

Their children were: Minnie, Sarah, and August.

Minnie and August's children are Alvina, married Arlo Hoffman; Mitilda, married Charley McIntosh; Albert, married Anna Belle; Edward, married Ruby Hoffman; Bertha, married a Hendrix; Annie, married Herman Crandall; Ada, married Clinton Blackman; Fred, married Edna Surber; and Viola, married Roy Smith.

Sarah and John's children are Lester, William, and Bertha, who married Percy Oviatt.

August and Ann's children are Ada, married John Netsch; Hilda, married Earnest Netsch; and Lois, married Carroll Kersten of Logan. Hilda and Earnest's children are Miles, Clifford and Paul.

After Anna's death in 1891 August married Dora Podendorf. Their children are: Bertha, married Amos Kersten; Albert, married Susan Budd of Logan, Magnolia Township, Section 4; and Agnes, married Milton Shutter of San Antonio, Texas. Bertha and Amos had two children, Phyllis (married Gil Remington) and Merle. Albert and Susan are the parents of Marilyn, married Robert Shannon of Virginia. They have three children, Robert Jr., Larry and Susan. Raymond farms in Magnolia Township.

August lived in Magnolia Township, Section 30, before retiring and moving to Logan in 1942.

Annie married Herman Plath in 1886. They lived on the Plath farm, Magnolia Township. They raised all their family there, and when Ed married they retired and moved to Magnolia. Ed's family lived on the home place and raised their family, then retired to Woodbine. Their children are Bertha, married William Niedemeyer; Edward, married Margaret Barry; Harry, married Alice Grosvenour; Alma, married John Michael; Elsie, married Vern Petersen; Ida, married John Nelk; and Herman, married Amanda Lennert.

Bertha and William have a daughter, Wilma, who married Dwight Reep. Edward and Margaret's children are Joseph, married Betty Girton; Wesley, married Doris Wentz; and Elaine. Harry and Alice's children are Marjorie, married Alvin Black; Evelyn, married Jim Kerger; Phyllis, married Howard Johnson of Logan; and Virgil. Alma and John's children are Donald, married Viola Hahn; Robert, married Doris Marley; Lila May, married Richard Birkholder.

Elsie and Vern Petersen are; Fay, married George Brown; Rita, married Wayne Bergstrom. Ida and John's children are Edna, married Lee Tupper; and Bernard, married Gertrude Melkail.

Edna and Lee Tupper are the parents of Dorothy, married Delaine Witt; Bernita; Donald, married Carolyn Pitt; Harold, married Katherine Epperson; and Dwight, married Corrine Norris. Dorothy and Delaine's children are Richard, Michael, John, and Aileen; Donald's children are Janet, married Marvin Ring, (daughter Kim); Darrell, married Colette Fetter (daughter Carrie); and Peggy. Harold's children are Kathleen, married Cody Carse; Elizabeth, Barbara, and Phillip (deceased). Dwight's children are Kristina, married H. Dale Weigelt; Lou Ann,

and Tracy. Bernard and Gertrude's children are Carolyn, married Joe O'Bannion; and Merian, married Wendel Hawkins.

HERMAN METHER HISTORY

Herman John Carl Methers was born December 25, 1881, on section 24 in Magnolia Township. He was united in marriage with Amanda Lennert on December 20, 1905. Amanda was born on July 30, 1884 in section 22 of Magnolia Township.

When they were married Amanda moved from her parents home to the Methers home which was just across the road. They raised their family there and Herman fed cattle and was a general farmer. After 31 years they moved to a farm near Woodbine. After two years they returned to the Willow Valley. They bought a farm in section 27 where they lived until Amanda's death in 1949. Shortly after his wife's death Herman sold the farm and went to live with his daughter Lillian (Mrs. and Mrs. Donald Foutch and family) of rural Woodbine. He continued to attend the Magnolia Methodist Church where he had taught the men's Sunday School class for many years and up to the time of his death. He lived most of his life on the Willow Valley and loved it

there. Herman always said the sun came up prettier on the Willow than anywhere else. He suffered a stroke and passed away on July 21, 1955. They were the parents of four children:

Edwin married Vera Barkhoff in 1930. Address: Woodbine. They are the parents of four children: Harley, married Janet Nelson. Children, Lynn, Lou Ann, and Mary. Address: Woodbine. Lois Jean married Jack Springer. Children, Earl, married Deborah McGee; Gary married Kathryn Bosworth, one boy; Cheryl and Jean. Dale married Phyllis Peterson; children are Bruce and twins, Brenda and Brian.

Erwin (Bud) married W. Joy Oviatt, 1932. (See Erwin Methers History.)

Lillian married Donald Foutch 1934. Address: Woodbine. Their children are Vern, married Nancy Corrielle; children, Scott, Shawn, and Steven. Catherine, married Jerry Maycock; children are Michelle and Michael.

William, married Maxine Shockey, 1948. Children, Larry, married Diana Butterbaugh; Steven, married Nancy Grimm, all of Council Bluffs.



Herman Methers family. Front row: Amanda, Lillian and Herman. Back row: Edwin, Erwin (Bud), and Bill.

ERWIN H. METHERS HISTORY

Erwin H. Methers was born September 15, 1910, at his parents' home on the Dutch Four Corners. He is the son of Herman J. and Amanda (Lennert) Methers. At an early age he was given the nick name of Bud, by which he is generally known.

He was married in Magnolia on September 14, 1932, to Wilda Joy Oviatt who was born on August 14, 1913 in Logan. She is the daughter of Leon L. and Jennie (Crom) Oviatt. They rented what is known as the Kilts farm and then returned to the farm where Bud was born in 1936. They

have lived on that farm for 39 years and Bud has lived there for 64 years.

To this union four children were born: Walter Leroy, born August 12, 1933, married Leota May (Metcalf) on December 27, 1954. Their children are, Curtis Leroy, September 24, 1954, and Cory Gene, August 19, 1958. They own a farm in Section 29 of Magnolia township, the former Perne Bedsaul farm.

Donald Dean was born March 8, 1936, and married Jane Ann Herman on May 6, 1961. Their children are: Douglas Dean, May 28, 1963; Richard Herman, November 17, 1964; Debra Jean, October 27, 1966; and Denise Ann, March 28,

1973. They farm the home Methers and Lennert places and live in Donald's great-grandfather's house.

Sondra Ann was born June 6, 1938, and married Jackie Junior Straight on March 17, 1957. Their children are: Jay Dean, December 17, 1957; Jeffrey, November 17, 1958 (deceased); Jill Annette, December 17, 1959; and Janet Joy, December 1, 1965. They farm in section 16 of Calhoun

township and also own a farm in Magnolia township.

Lorita Dee. (See James Rider History.)

All of the members of the Erwin Methers family are members of the Magnolia Methodist Church where they serve in many positions such as Church board, Sunday School and Bible school teachers, choir members, organist and Lay speaker.



The Erwin Methers family in 1942. Mother Joy, Lorita (2) Sondra (3) and Father, Bud. Back row: Donnie (5) and Leroy (7).

CHARLES MICHAEL

Charles Michael settled on section 17, Magnolia Township, in April 1869. He purchased the land without improvements and erected a log cabin, 14 x 18 ft., which served as a residence until about 1875, when he built a frame house, 26 x 36 ft., one and a half stories high. In 1884, he erected a barn, 26 x 40 ft., with 12 ft. posts. He was a successful tiller of the soil and invested his money in Harrison County land. He then owned 300 acres, one third which was plow land and the balance pasture and meadow.

He was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, June 30, 1833, and when about 15 years of age hired out to work for \$8 per year but when he quit was receiving \$20 per year, which was considered high wages in that country. He worked by the year until 1862 and the next two years worked by the job and then sailed to America. He was six weeks on the voyage across the ocean and came directly to Cleveland, Ohio, where he worked at odd jobs, cutting wood in the winter and working in a brick-yard during the summer until 1869, when he came to Harrison County, Iowa.

Our subject was married in Germany, October 1, 1861, to Frederica Ploth. To this union five children were born: John C.; Minnie, Charley (deceased), Mary, and William.

Frederica (Ploth) Michael, was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, December 25, 1835, and remained at home until seventeen years of age, after which she worked out at \$13 per year, continuing this for seven years until she was married.

Mr. Michael and family were members of the German Lutheran Church at Magnolia and politically, affiliated with the Democratic party.

JOHN C. MICHAEL

John C. Michael came to Harrison County, Iowa, with his parents in 1868. They settled on section 17, of Magnolia Township, where he remained until 1884, and then bought the farm on section 8 of Magnolia Township.

He was born in Mecklenburg, Strelitz, Germany, October 19, 1859, and in April, 1863, his parents came to America, and directly to Cleveland, Ohio, where they remained until their coming to Harrison County. He bought a partly improved farm of which about 50 acres had been broken and fenced. He built a frame house, 16 x 26 ft., together with an ell, 16 x 18 ft.

He was united in marriage in Harrison County, October 16, 1884, to Lena Herman who was a native of Mecklenburg, Germany, born in 1863, and came to America with her parents when twelve years of age. They settled at Cleveland, Ohio, where they remained until the autumn of 1879 and then came to Harrison County. To this union twelve children were born: Mamie, Carl, William (deceased), John, Hilda, Gertrude, Louis, twin boys Herman and Henry, twins Francis and Frances (who died at birth) and Albert.

They retired from farming in 1926 and purchased a home on the northwest edge of Magnolia where they remained until their death. John died March 6, 1942, and Lena in January, 1945.

Maria (Mamie) Michael was born in 1885 at the farm of her parents John C. and Lena Herman Michael on section 8 in Magnolia Township. In 1909 she was married to Theodore Niedermeyer. They lived on a farm in Magnolia Township. In the mid 60's they sold their farm to Milton Niedermeyer and bought a home west of the Magnolia School. They lived there until their deaths in 1967. They had a son Harlan and a daughter Hilda. Harlan and his wife Mae (Schmidt) live in Hot Springs, So. Dakota. They both work at Veterans Hospital where Mae is an R.N. and Harlan is in charge of the X-Ray Dept.

Hilda lives in Omaha and is an anesthetist at Immanuel Lutheran Hospital.

CARL AUGUST MICHAEL

Carl August Michael, son of John C. and Lena (Herman) Michael was born December, 1887. He was engaged in farming his entire life. In 1909 he was united in marriage with Gertrude Freymuller, daughter of Adolph and Mary (Schwerdtfager) Freymuller. Gertrude was born near Magnolia, November 10, 1889. About 1911 they moved to the farm built by his grandfather, Charles W. Michael, where he remained until his death at the age of 48, in 1935. They were members of Zion Lutheran in Magnolia where Gertrude was organist for many years. She lived on the farm until her death in December, 1967. They had two sons Adolph Albert and Francis Dale. Adolph died in March, 1961.

Francis Dale Michael, son of Carl August and Gertrude (Freymuller) Michael was born April 29, 1917, on the farmstead settled by his great grandparents, Charles W. and Frederica Michael, on section 17 in Magnolia Township. He attended Magnolia School. In 1935, after the death of his father, Dale took over the farming, living there with his mother and brother, Adolph.

On March 1, 1942, he was united in marriage with Shirley Grace Young of Woodbine and continued to live on this farm until January 29, 1970, when the farm home was destroyed by fire. To this union five children were born, all on the same farm where their Dad was born. They were Carl Lee, Billy Dean, Ann, Mary Jane, and Teddy Dale.

Shirley (Young) Michael, daughter of LeRoy (Dick) Young and Undine Hattie (Holeton) Young was born on a farm five miles east of Woodbine on August 29, 1922. Her folks owned and operated Pine Tree Dairy Farm west of Woodbine for several years, and Shirley helped deliver milk from the time she was eight years old until the dairy was sold in about 1940. She attended Woodbine Normal and graduated in 1939 with a Normal Training Certificate. In 1940-41 she taught Windy Ridge School. During their married years, she taught nine more years. At the present time she is employed as a cashier at Harvey's Fine Foods in Logan.

In 1970 after their home was destroyed by fire they sold the farm to Darrel Michael and moved to Magnolia. They lived in Fox's Apartment from February 14 to November 15. They then bought the D.X. Filling Station and house from Jerome Epperson. Dale has been custodian of Magnolia School since July of 1970. Together, with wife Shirley and son Ted, they operate the D. and S. Service Station.

Carl Lee Michael was born August 21, 1943. He attended Magnolia School. After his graduation he spent three years

in the Navy. He was married to Maryln Irene Jacobsen, daughter of Ellis and Thelma (Wimer) Jacobsen. She has three sons Rick, Reanen, and Randy and they have one daughter Rochelle Irene. They bought a home in Magnolia where they now reside. Carl is a member of the city council and of the volunteer fire department. He is employed by Harrison County as a truck driver on the bridge crew. His wife Maryln is employed at Perfection Form in Logan. They are members of Zion Lutheran in Magnolia.

Billy Dean Michael (Bill) was born March 11, 1947. He attended Magnolia School and graduated from Lo-Ma High School. He was married to Carol Sall of Logan, daughter of Dick and Alice Sall. They have four children: Steven Dale, Kelley Richard, Lori Ann, and Shannon Dean. They live in the Lutheran Parsonage at Magnolia. Bill is a member of Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department. He is presently employed at Capitol Construction in Logan.

Ann Michael was married to Richard Jepsen of Schleswig, son of Fred and Irene Jepsen. They live at Denison where he has been employed for several years at Farmland. Ann is employed at the telephone company in Denison. They have two daughters Tina Marie and Tammy Lea. They are members of Zion Lutheran in Denison.

Mary Jane Michael lives in Omaha and has been employed the past three years at Loziers.

Teddy Dale Michael is a junior at Lo-Ma School and helps his parents operate the D. and S. Service Station. They are members of Zion Lutheran in Magnolia.

JOHN FRANK MICHAEL

John Frank Michael, son of John C. and Lena (Herman) Michael was born at the home of his parents on section 8 in Magnolia Township, in September, 1889.

On October 25, 1916, he was united in marriage with Alma Dorothy Plath, daughter of Herman and Anna (Mether) Plath. Alma was born January 24, 1895, on her parents farm on Huffman Creek. To this union three children were born: Donald Paul, Robert Wesley, and Lila Mae. They lived on a farm about three miles north of Magnolia. In the early 20's they had a new home erected. They spent their entire married life on this farm until 1958 when they sold their farm to Wayne Jones and purchased a home in Logan. John died May 31, 1972. In 1975 Alma sold the home in Logan and moved to Westmont Care Center where she still resides. They were members of Zion Lutheran Church in Magnolia.

Donald was born in 1920. He was a graduate of Magnolia High. He was married to Viola Margaret Hahn of Dewitt, Nebraska. They had two adopted daughters, Donna (Mrs. Dale Stephens) and Linda (Mrs. Richard Alngren). Donald was a salesman for Ford Motor Co. for 25 years. He died April 27, 1972, a very short time after retiring. He had lived most of his married life in Omaha.

Robert Wesley was born February 25, 1925. He was united in marriage with Doris Helen Marley of Logan. To this union four children were born, Pamela Sue (Stoffel) of Omaha, twins Peggy (Corpman) of Alaska, Patricia Ann (Lancetol) of Denver and Robert John (Bobby) at home. Robert has been employed the past 22 years with the telephone company. He and his wife Doris live in Logan. Doris teaches fifth grade at Magnolia.

Lila Mae was married to Richard Burkholder September 25, 1956. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Burkholder of Magnolia Township. They live in Lakewood, Colorado, where he is employed with the Government in the Bureau of Land Management. They have four children: Scott, Joel, Jill, and Jimmy.

Hilda Michael, daughter of John C. and Lena Michael, was born at the farm home of her parents in Magnolia Township in the year 1892. She was married to Albert Mensching. They had one son, Leroy, who lives in Colorado. Albert and Hilda lived in Denver in their later years. Albert died February 8, 1962, and Hilda, September 26, 1972.

Gertrude Michael, daughter of John C. and Lena Michael, was born in 1893, in Magnolia Township. On February 25, 1925, she was united in marriage to Bernard Nelk. They had two daughters: Marian (Mrs. Wendell Hawkins) and Carolyn (Mrs. Joe O'Bannion). They farmed for many years west of Woodbine until they retired and moved to Woodbine where they still reside.

LOUIS MICHAEL

Louis Michael was born March 3, 1895, at the home of his parents, John C. and Lena Michael who lived on section 8 in Magnolia Township. He was inducted into the army in 1918 during World War I. On November 26, 1919, he was united in marriage with Irene Niles, daughter of Carl Niles and Martha (Wallace) Niles of Pisgah. The marriage ceremony was performed at Zion Lutheran Church by Rev. F. Bruaer. Irene was born May 17, 1897.

They started their married life on a farm north of Magnolia. In 1925 they moved to a nearby farm where they had a new home built. They adopted two children, Duane and Marilyn. Lewis died suddenly of a heart attack in 1950. Irene continued living on the farm until 1963, when she sold the farm to Duane and moved to Pisgah. She was employed in a restaurant there until 1970 when she sold her home and purchased a home in Logan where she still resides.

Marilyn (a nurse in Community Memorial Hospital) lives in Logan with her husband, Harlan Collins, who has been employed with General Telephone for several years. They have four children, Linda (Mrs. John Muell), Randy, Michael, and Vicky.

Duane and his wife, the former Arlene Rohm, live on a farm, about four miles north of Magnolia, which they purchased from Henry Jens. They have three children, Teresa, Jeff and Cathy.

HERMAN GEORGE MICHAEL

Herman George Michael was born January 26, 1898. (He had a twin, Henry). His parents were John C. and Lena (Herman) Michael.

In 1920 he was united in marriage with Katie Said, daughter of Ed and Sadie (Steffon) Said. To this union three children were born: Betty Jean, Darrel, and Georgia. Herman and Katie started housekeeping on the Ed Said farm west of Magnolia. In 1925 they moved to a farm three and a half miles north of Magnolia, where they had a new home erected. Katie died suddenly in 1934.

On May 28, 1938, Herman was married to Dorothy (Freymuller) Smith, who had a daughter, Connie Lou. Herman and Dorothy had three children: Warren, Sandra, and Jon.

In December, 1955, they moved from the farm to a house in Magnolia, that they purchased from LaFollettes. Herman worked for Harrison County maintaining roads until he retired when he was 66. After his retirement he did carpenter work and was overseer of Magnolia Cemetery until his death April 19, 1974.

Dorothy (Freymuller) Michael daughter of Louis John and Jennie (Walker) Freymuller was born May 12, 1911. She graduated from Magnolia High School in 1929. After graduation she accepted a job with Northwestern Bell in

Council Bluffs. She was married to Art Smith. They had one daughter, Connie. In 1956 she accepted a job with Logan Co-op Creamery and worked there as a secretary for 10 years. She then accepted a secretarial job with Perfection Form where she is still employed. In 1975 she sold her home to Gail and Nancy Frazier, and her son Warren built a new home on the lot north of the one she had been living on.

Betty Michael (Girton) and her husband Paul live on a farm near Grandmeadow, Minnesota. They have three children, Michael, Jerome, and Carol. Georgie Michael (Blair) and husband Keith live in Fresno, California, where Keith is employed at California Chemical Co. At one time Keith operated the D.X. Station in Magnolia. They have three children: Bill, Kevin, and Katie.

Darrel Michael and his wife Esther, daughter of Ross and Wilma Gochenour, live on a farm north of Magnolia that he purchased from his parents. In 1970 they bought a 120 acre farm from Dale Michael and in 1976 bought the old Hans Olsen farm. They were both graduates of Magnolia High. After graduation Darrel spent two years in the army overseas. Esther worked at Mutual in Omaha. Besides farming, he is part owner of the Lo-Ma Pork Plant. They have a daughter Cindy, who attends nursing school, and a son Mark, who is a junior in Lo-Ma School and helps with the farming. They are members of the Christian Church in Logan. Darrel is on the board of the Logan Development Corporation.

Connie (Smith) Betcher and husband Gordon live in Holdrege, Nebraska, where they own and operate an A. & W. Stand. They have a son Jeff who attends college in Lincoln and a son Jimmy.

Warren Leroy Michael and his wife Karen, daughter of Mrs. Doris Mills Guyette and the late Jack Guyette, live in a home he built in 1975 between Omaha and Blair. He owns and operates Michael Construction. His wife Karen works as a secretary. They have three daughters Melody, Toni, and Daphane and a son Todd.

Sandra (Michael) Chlopek and husband Leonard live in Houston, Texas, where he is employed at Deluxe Check Company and Sandra is employed at Sears. They have four children: Kimberly, Gregory, Belinda, and Patrick.

Jon Michael was graduated from Lo-Ma High, then spent four years in the Navy. He married Lynda Byron of Hicksville, New York, April 5, 1965. They lived in Chicago, where Jon was employed at Deluxe Check Co., and Lynda was employed at Sears. In 1975 they transferred to Omaha where they both work for the same companies. They purchased a lot on the western edge of Omaha where his brother, Warren built them a new home.

HENRY MICHAEL

Henry Michael (twin of Herman) was born January 26, 1898, on his parent's farm (section 8 of Magnolia Township). He was the son of John C. and Lena Herman Michael. He spent his entire life on the farm where he was born until the year 1971. In November, 1971, they sold their farm to Bill Smith and moved to a house in the southwest part of Logan, near highway 30. He lived there until his death July 15, 1973.

Besides farming, he helped maintain roads with a horse drawn maintainer.

He was united in marriage to Minnie Marie Helsel, daughter of Elmer and Pauline (Ulmer) Helsel, on August 27, 1924. They had two daughters, Peggy Ann who was born September 17, 1925, and Gloria Jean who was born February 25, 1932. They were active members of Zion Lutheran Church in Magnolia.

Peggy was married to Hugo Robertson on May 5, 1946. They had two sons, Craig and Neil, and a daughter, Debbie, all of East Troy, Wisconsin. Peggy lives in Omaha and is a secretary at Stauffer Chemicals. Gloria and husband, John Lang, live in Fremont, Nebraska. He is employed with Singer Sewing Company. They have a daughter Michaela Marie and a son John Forrest.

ALBERTA A. MICHAEL

Albert A. Michael, youngest son of John C. and Lena Michael, was born on a farm five miles north of Magnolia, July 1, 1903. He attended Windy Ridge and Huffman Creek Country Schools and graduated from Magnolia High School with the class of 1923. He attended Brown's Business College with special courses at Indiana State, Terre Haute, Indiana, and graduated in 1925. After moving to the New York Nabisco General Office some time later he took special studies at the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia and Syracuse University at Syracuse, New York. He was employed by National Biscuit Co. (Nabisco) on March 23, 1925 and retired from the same company on July 31, 1968, after more than 43 years of employment. He was employed in Terre Haute, Indiana, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Omaha, Nebraska, St. Louis, Missouri, and New York. While working in New York he lived in Maplewood, South Orange and Short Hills, commuting from New Jersey to New York for 28 years. His positions with the company were office manager, field auditor, Supt. of Auditing Dept., General Office Manager of Field Auditing Div., and Gen. Auditor and Officer of the company with jurisdiction over all auditing functions of the company, both Domestic and Foreign Countries.

While living in Eau Claire, Wisconsin he was married to Mayme L. Helsel, daughter of Elmer and Pauline (Ulmer) Helsel of Woodbine. Mayme was born October 30, 1905. At the time of their marriage Mayme was employed by the Des Moines Wholesale Grocery in Des Moines, Iowa.

They have four children, Jacqueline Jean, now Mrs. Richard A. Halsall. They have three children and three grandchildren and live in Arlington Heights, Ill. They are: Richard R. Michael of Houston, Texas, who has four children. James A. Michael of Old Bridge, New Jersey, has Sharon M. Michael, single and lives in Johnstown, New York.

After retiring from the company in 1968 Albert and Mayme continued living in Short Hills, New Jersey for two years. In 1970 they established a residence in Sarasota, Florida.

FRANCIS AUGUST MICHAEL

Francis August Michael, son of John C. and Lena Michael, was born at the home of his parents, who lived on section 8 in Magnolia Township, on June 12, 1901. He had a twin sister Frances who died at birth. He was married September 8, 1926, to Alice May Mathews of Woodbine, daughter of Frank and Julia Mathews. Alice was born on a ranch in Rock County, Nebraska, on May 10, 1906. Their entire married life was spent farming. One year Francis helped maintain roads with a horse drawn maintainer. In 1970 they sold their farm and purchased a house in Logan where they now reside.

To this union three sons were born: Paul, Lyle, and Eugene.

Paul was born February 1, 1935, and attended Windy Ridge grade school. He graduated from Magnolia High School. After his graduation he accepted a job with

Submarine Shipyards as a blueprinter at New Port News, Virginia. He was united in marriage with Harriett McArthur. They have a son, Paul Jr. and a daughter, Carolyn. In 1970 they moved to Jacksonville, Florida where he is a junior executive at Off Shore Nuclear Power.

Lyle was born May 7, 1943, and was a graduate of Magnolia High School. He was married to Carol Andrews of Moorhead. They have two sons: David and Barry. They purchased a home in the northwest edge of Logan in 1968, and that is where they now reside. Lyle is presently employed as a carpenter at Union 364 in Council Bluffs. He is a member of Logan's Volunteer Fire Dept.

Eugene was born May 5, 1946, and attended Magnolia grade school and was a graduate of Lo-Ma High School. He married Jane McFee, daughter of Donald Angus and Frances (Forde) McFee. They have one son, Danny. They lived in a trailer house in Magnolia until September, 1975, when they purchased a home from Florence Thomas, known as the Kruger Place, just southwest of the park. Eugene served a short time on the Town Council and is a member of Magnolia's Volunteer Fire Dept. He is employed as a carpenter at Union 364 in Council Bluffs. Eugene is a member of Zion Lutheran Church, and Jane and Danny are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Logan.

JOHN M. MOORE

John Milton Moore and Laura (Ward) Moore moved from Vernon County, Missouri, to Magnolia in December, 1917. Mr. Moore worked for some time on the Harrison County Bridge Gang, the rest of the time he was engaged in farming until he retired in 1940. He served several years on the Magnolia Town Council. He helped work on the Log Cabin when it was being built. Mr. Moore died December 16, 1948, and Mrs. Moore September 29, 1933. Their seven children were born in Cedar and Vernon Counties, Missouri.

Roy Alva was born October 18, 1897, died October 18, 1902. George Wilfred was born September 28, 1900, married Gladys Jackson in October, 1927. They have no children. Virdon Edward (Shanty) was born August 2, 1902, died September 16, 1973. He married Helen Herman on June 21, 1959. They had no children. Lewis Bart was born November 27, 1905; he married Aleta Jensen in May, 1936. They have four children. John Willis was born on July 13, 1908, and died September 21, 1967. He graduated from Magnolia High School in 1929, enlisted in the army in W.W. II on January 21, 1942, and was discharged October 15, 1945. Charley Wilson was born November 6, 1912, and died December 16, 1973. He graduated from Magnolia High School in 1931, enlisted in the Marines in W.W. II, December 23, 1941, and was discharged October 12, 1945.

Anna Marie was born August 3, 1917, and has lived in Magnolia since December, 1917, except for six years she lived four miles west of town (December 19, 1952 to February 28, 1958). She graduated from Magnolia High School in 1934 and married Lorenzo Sewell in 1952. They have two children: John Milton, born July 26, 1954, and Laura Adele, born September 12, 1958. John Minton is a Junior at Morningside College at Sioux City, Iowa. He attended a Junior College his first two years at Iowa Central Community College, Eagle Grove, Iowa. Adele is a 1976 graduate of Lo-Ma High School. Anna Marie has been postmistress in the Magnolia Post Office, since Alma Swalley retired on December 29, 1965.

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THEODORE NIEDERMYER

Theodore Niedermyer was born in Mecklenburg, Germany July 30, 1855, and came to this county on September 16, 1870.

He married Dorothea Korton in 1875. To this union three sons were born: Theodore born June 28, 1876, died May 22, 1967; Henry born February 6, 1878, died March 27, 1961; August born December 7, 1881, died November 12, 1962. Their mother died in 1884.

Their father was remarried in 1887 to Johanne Buhrow. Their children were: William born February 21, 1888, died August 3, 1961; Marie born October 16, 1889, died June 19, 1952; Julia born August 20, 1891, died January 14, 1929; Emma born November 1, 1893, died November 11, 1951, and Elsa born April 27, 1896.

Theodore farmed in Harrison County for thirty-five years, twenty-seven of those years on the same farm in Allen Township. He retired in 1915 and moved to Magnolia. He died December 16, 1935, in Magnolia.

Theodore Jr. married Marie (Mayme) Michael in June of 1909. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in June, 1959. They have two children. Hilda, born April 16, 1912. She is an R. N. and has spent most of her nursing career at Immanuel Lutheran Hospital in Omaha. Their son, Harlan, was born June 19, 1918. He married Mae Schmidt, November 24, 1951. Harlan is an X-ray Technician in a hospital in Hot Springs, South Dakota.

Henry married Helen Hester on April 20, 1910. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on April 20, 1960. They have three children. Lena was born July 18, 1912. She taught a country school before her marriage to Paul Beauseigneur on July 24, 1934, and moving to Dixon, Illinois. They have two daughters, Dorothy Rae born in 1938, and Linda in 1969. Dorothy Rae married Oattie Wagenknecht on February 7, 1960, and they have three children; Keith, David, and Lori.

Dorothy was born June 2, 1918. She worked many years for the Bell Telephone Company before her marriage to George Carlson of Whiting, June 22, 1952.

Milton, born July 5, 1924, married Mary Epperson on February 28, 1946. He lives on the same farm where Henry and his brother Theodore raised their families. Milton's family consists of James, born in 1947; Marilyn, born in 1949; Frank, born in 1953; Thomas, born in 1956; and Hazel, born in 1961. James married Linda Jensen on January 26, 1974. He works in the Assessor's office in Logan and lives in Woodbine. They have one son Matthew. Marilyn married Dan Newland, September 7, 1968, they have three children: Todd, Scott, and Shannon. Marilyn is a beautician in Council Bluffs, where they live. Frank farms with his Dad; Tom goes to college at Iowa Western where he plays baseball, and Hazel will start high school this fall.

August married Maggie Kucks, March 9, 1910. They celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on March 9, 1960. They have one son, Harold born September 4, 1911, and died August 27, 1971. He married Frances Dunlap on December 23, 1937. He lived on a farm in Allen township. They had two daughters, Ila, born March 6, 1944, married Jason Coziahr in 1963. They live in Cliflin, Kansas, with their three sons: Scott, Craig, and Douglas.

Arlene was born October 20, 1947, and married Mike Murphy on June 4, 1969. They have a son Justin and a daughter Marnie. They live in Missouri Valley.

William married Bertha Plath May 17, 1911 and celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in May, 1961.

They had one daughter Wilma, born October 15, 1925. Wilma married Dwight Reep on February 9, 1947. They live on the old Niedermyer farm in Allen Township. Their son, Larry, was born on May 23, 1948, and married Linda Larson on April 17, 1971. Larry and Linda with their two daughters, Nicole and Stacy live in Harlan, where Larry is a trucker.

Karen was born on May 2, 1950, and married Eugene Jacobsen on September 30, 1972. They and daughter Kimberly make their home in Magnolia.

Marie married William Maaske on January 24, 1909. They had a daughter Bernadine, born May 2, 1912, and died December 14, 1958. She was married to Floyd Ramsey and they had two sons, Larry and Keith. Larry married Connie Martin on April 6, 1963, and they have three children: Shelly, Todd, and Shallon. They live on a farm in the Woodbine area.

Emma married John Chatburn on October 21, 1914, and lived in this area several years before moving to Minnesota.

Their son Bill was born on February 11, 1923 and made the Navy his career. He married Catherine Adams and they have a son William Jr. Elaine was born on November 14, 1925, and married Ernie Lueck. They have four children: Jerome, Rodney, Patricia, and Jeff. They make their home in Denver.

Of the eight children only Elsa, a resident of Magnolia, is still living. Elsa married Adolph Freymuller on December 22, 1915. They were farmers in the Magnolia vicinity for many years. Her son Theodore was born on July 9, 1920, and married LaVern Weed on November 28, 1945. They had one son James, born August 12, 1950. LaVerne died May 15, 1966. Theodore was remarried on March 1, 1969, to Madonna Waite. Ted, Madonna and Jim live on a farm north of Magnolia. Elsa's daughter Lola was born on December 1, 1926, and married Porter Evans on June 22, 1946. They have a son Kenneth, born August 3, 1950. He is a trucker for this community. The family live on a farm north of Magnolia.

O

ALMON N. OVIATT HISTORY

Almon N. Oviatt came to Magnolia in 1855 from Franklin County, Vermont. He was the sixth child of William and Sarah Oviatt. There were twelve children in the family.

He went back to Joliet, Illinois and joined the 20th Illinois Infantry during the Civil War. The Company left Joliet in July 1861 and were mustered out July 25, 1865. He then came back to Magnolia.

He was married to Cornelia Tupper on January 31, 1867. She came to Magnolia to help a sister take care of her family after the death of her husband. (Her husband was a brother to Almon Oviatt.) Cornelia came from Fairfield, Vermont in 1861. She taught school in Little Sioux from 1863 to 1866. She attended Wheatland College in Vermont. They drove a team and wagon to Council Bluffs (Kanesville) to be married.

To this union six children were born: Elmer and a girl died in infancy, and four boys, Myron, Clyde, Leon, and Edwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Oviatt owned a farm in the Southwest part of Magnolia (known as the Charles Sehlke property.) Mr. Oviatt was a farmer and a carpenter and mason. Around 1869 he built the house across from the park, (now the Richard Small home.) They lived there for 58 years.

Mrs. Oviatt (Aunt Nean, as she was known by most of the people in town) gave organ lessons and boarded girls from the country that wanted to go to high school. Some of them were Margaret Cooper (Mrs. Dan Forde), Ella Day, and Laura Hardin Carson, who was a missionary in China.



Photo of Cornelia and Almon Oviatt taken on Old Settlers Day, August 1927.

for many years. In a book written by Laura she wrote how Aunt Nean gave her organ lessons, braided her hair and then did the work she was supposed to do, after she had gone to school.

She was a member of the Congregational Church, Secretary of the D.A.R., worked in the Red Cross and was always ready for company.

Mr. Oviatt was one of the first Masons and all of his boys were members of the Masonic Lodge.

Almon died at 89 years of age on October 1927 at his home in Magnolia.

Mrs. Oviatt went to live with her son, Leon, and family in Mondamin but became homesick so Leon sold his business and moved his family back to Magnolia to bring his mother "home."

Cornelia kept a diary for many years which are beautifully written and tells much of Magnolia's history.

Leon was married to Jennie Crom, daughter of Walter and Mary Reeder Crom and they were the parents of 13 children of which ten grew to adulthood. Mrs. Oviatt enjoyed all the comings and goings of the large family and when she was 96 she wrote in her diary, "Jennie always puts on an extra plate when setting the table as she is sure there will be at least one extra here to eat." Mrs. Oviatt passed away at the age of 96 in 1935.

Leon and Jennie and their oldest son, Rex, moved to Lorton, Nebraska, where they operated a country store. When they were no longer able to run the business they moved back to Magnolia to the home place where they celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with all of their family home on May 4, 1953. Jennie passed away on July 20, 1953. Leon and son, Rex, continued to live there until their deaths. Rex died in a Council Bluffs hospital at 5:30 a.m. on



Leon L. Oviatt family. Front row: Rex (deceased), Owen, Walter, Fredrick, Catherine, and Donnabelle. Back row: Helen, Erma, Leon, Jenny, Janice and Joy.



Edwin Oviatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Almon Oviatt, and his daughter, Patricia.

July 8, 1959, and his father died that evening of the same day. A double funeral was held on July 11, 1959.

Leon and Jennie were the parents of four sons and six daughters.

Rex, (deceased.)

Erma, married Lloyd Arnold, Sun Valley, Idaho.

Helen, married Denzill Davenport, Phoenix, Arizona. Children, Elaine, married Darrell Southern. Address: Kansas City, Kansas. Children: Jennifer, married Gary Osborn; Mark, Julie, and Fredrick.

Wilda Joy, married Erwin Mether. Logan, Magnolia Township. (See Erwin Mether History.)

Ralph Owen, married Katherine Rovn. Address: Magnolia. Children, Russell Owen and Krista Marie. Two daughters by previous marriage. Judy, married Leon Dunn. Address: Arkansas. Children, Diana, Julie, and Michael. Merry, married Jeff Miller. Address: California, daughter, Sara Ann.

Catherine, married Harlan Block. Address: Missouri Valley. Children: Karen, married Dan Mumma. Address: Des Moines. Children; Kimberly, Christopher, Steven, Jeffrey, and Paul. Newell, married Renee Christensen. Address: Japan. Daughters Danielle and Gabrielle. Randall married Cathie Johnson. Address: Indiana. Sons Christopher and Sean.

Walter, married Margaret Pleake. Address: Council Bluffs. Children; Sue Ellen, married Gary Simpson. Address: Council Bluffs. Sons Michael and Steven. Linda, married Ralph Aldrich. Address: Millard, Nebraska. Daughters, Lee Ann and Lori Diane. Jan, married Dennis Rix. Address: Florida. Leon Walter, Address: Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Kris, married Lester LeVier Jr. Parents of a daughter.

Fredrick Frank, married Velma Beebee. Address: Phoenix, Arizona. Children; Diana married Jack Englet.

Tuscon, Arizona. Children Lori and David. Beverly, married Harvey Sheaffer. Address: Phoenix, Arizona. Sons, Scott and Jeffrey.

Donnabelle (Dolly), married Virgil Kimball. Address: LaHabra, California. Daughter, Melissa.

Janice, married Everett Parish. Address: Odessa, Missouri. Son, Raleigh Jay, Kansas City, Missouri.

Almon and Cornelia Oviatt's sons.

Myron, married Flora Darling. Children were Winfield, Harold, Elva and Thelma.

Clyde, married Grace. Daughter, Bessie.

Leon (History above.)

Edwin, married Mamie Fitzwilliams. Daughter, Patricia Oviatt of Omaha, Nebraska.

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THE WILLIAM A. PLATH FAMILY

John and Wilhelmine (Michael) Plath came to the United States from Germany and settled in Cleveland, Ohio. Four children were born: Charles and Mary born in Germany, William and Herman Plath born in Cleveland, Ohio.

William, born August 15, 1860, besides his schooling, spent his spare time making barrel staves for John D. Rockefeller. At the age of 17 he came to Logan, Iowa, where he helped his aunt and uncle on a farm north and west of Logan. Then he worked for his brother on a farm north of Magnolia. He married Anna Mensching and started farming on a farm which he bought in 1891. Three children were born: Carl, Minnie (Mrs. Charles Donn), and Margaret (Mrs. Ernest Herman.) The family rented out the farm and moved to California around 1900 for a few years, then came back to Iowa, to their own farm. Son Carl married Frieda Herman in 1914. They then moved to Magnolia to make their home there. Two children were born to Carl and Frieda; they were Agnes and Bernard.

Because of the death of Frieda, Carl's wife, in January 1928, William and Anna moved back out with Carl to keep house for him until he passed away on December 20, 1936. They then moved back to their home in Magnolia. In January, 1941, they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. William passed away on January 15, 1950, and his wife Anna passed away on March 29, 1958.

Carl Plath's children made their home with Aunt and Uncle Ernest Herman, after he passed away in 1936, until his daughter Agnes married in 1940 to William Haubold of Nebraska. At present, they own and farm four miles north of Magnolia. Address, Pisgah. Their children are Wayne and Wilma. Wayne was married in October, 1964, to Diane Harris. He works for Harris Chevrolet in Logan. Address, Woodbine. They have two children, Christine, age 9; and Steven, age 3. Wilma married in June, 1964, to William Snyder. They farm four miles north of Logan. They have three children, Denise, age 10; Dena, age 6; and Dennis, age 5.

Carl's son Bernard married Viola Mann in August, 1940. They own and farm 5½ miles north of Magnolia. They have two sons: Allen, age 22, attending Iowa State University at Ames; and Larry Plath, age 18, who graduated from Logan-Magnolia Community School in 1976.

JESSE PURCELL HISTORY

Jesse Purcell was born February 20, 1788, in western Pennsylvania. Before coming with his wife, Jane, to Magnolia township, he had lived in Harrison County,

Kentucky, and Harrison County, Indiana. He was a veteran of the war in 1812, and entitled to two land grants. He had cleared timber land in both Kentucky and Indiana but before he had money to file claims someone had entered claims before him. He then entered a claim on 80 acres in Indiana and lived on this claim until 1850.

In 1856 he came to Harrison County, Iowa, purchased a settler's claim of 100 acres being a part of section 14 in Magnolia Township. There was a small log house on the place with no windows or doors. He improved this place and lived there until his death on February 16, 1868. His wife, a native of Kentucky, died May 25, 1868. They are buried in the "Purcell" cemetery that overlooks the beautiful Willow Valley that he loved so much.

He persuaded his children to come to the Harrison County area. Four of his children settled in Magnolia Township. Samuel bought an 80 acres adjoining his father on the east of the Willow River. Lewis bought 40 acres adjoining Samuel's land on the north. Alexander bought 160 acres Northeast of Magnolia and a sister lived in Magnolia.

Samuel was a volunteer in the Mexican Army. After being mustered out he married Artemissa Boone, a descendant of Squire Boone, a brother of the famous Daniel Boone. She died in 1864. Miss Susan Hunt became the second wife of Samuel and they farmed on the Willow Valley farm of now 225 acres. All of the children except Samuel's oldest son, Lou, settled in Nebraska and Missouri Valley.

Lou stayed with his father and made carpentering his trade. In 1870 he was married to Lena Bollier, a native of Switzerland, who with her parents and one sister, came to Iowa with a company of Mormons in 1870. They left the Mormons at Florence, Nebraska, and lived at Council Bluffs at the time of President Lincoln's assassination. Soon after they bought 40 acres of land in Magnolia township near neighbors of the Purcell family. Magnolia was their trading town and they attended the Evangelical church there.

The Purcell family were Mormons until polygomy was introduced.

Submitted by Ida Purcell Teague of Woodbine, Iowa, daughter of Lou and Lena Purcell.

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RAMSEY FAMILY HISTORY

Bessie Johnson Ramsey, the daughter of John and Alice Johnson, was born April 30, 1878, at Magnolia. When a child of two years, her mother passed away and she was adopted by Riley and Cynthia Shupe.

On December 4, 1902, she was married to Edgar E. Ramsey. Mrs. Shupe made her home with them until her death in 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey lived on a farm south of Magnolia until 1952 when they moved to Missouri Valley.

Mr. Ramsey passed away on September 17, 1955, at the age of 76 and Mrs. Ramsey passed away September 7, 1967, at the age of 89.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey had five children: Harold, Lula (Mrs. Amasa Steen), Virgil, Letha, and Floyd.

Letha passed away on January 7, 1972. Harold and Lula now reside in Missouri Valley, Virgil (Bud) in Emerson, Iowa, and Floyd (Mike) in Pisgah.

The farm is still in the family and owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ramsey.



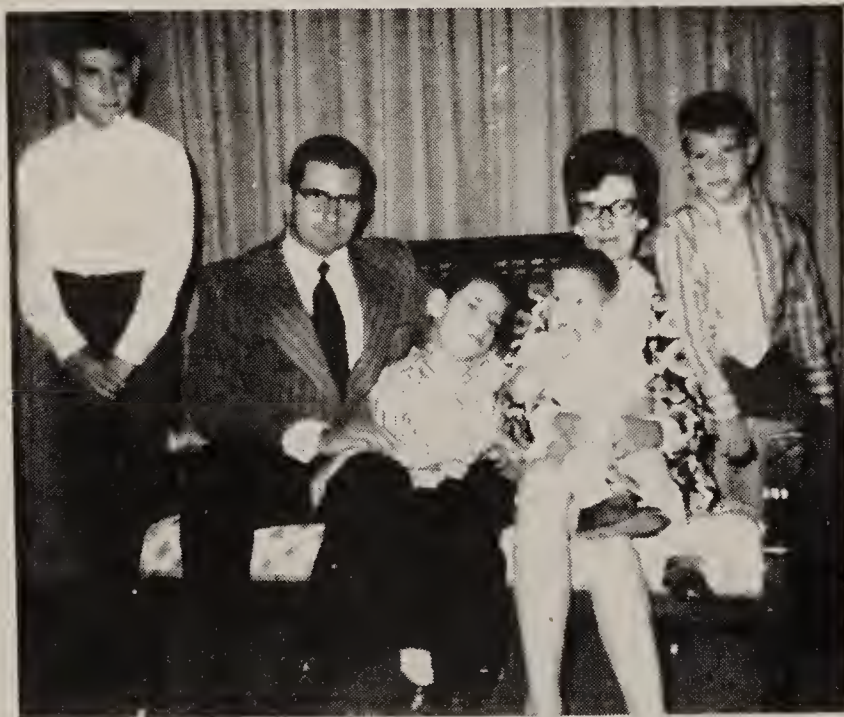
Edgar and Bessie (Johnson) Ramsey's wedding picture taken December 4, 1902.



Harold Ramsey, Lula Steen, Virgil (Bud) Ramsey, Letha Ramsey, and Floyd (Mike) Ramsey taken in 1946.



Celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Edgar and Bessie Ramsey.



The James Rider family in 1972. Eric, James, Patrick, Lorita, Jason, and Daniel.

JAMES WILLIAM RIDER

James W. Rider was born on August 28, 1938, in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Percy and Dorothy (West) Rider. He came to Fairfield, Iowa, in the fall of 1958 where he attended Parsons College. On July 31, 1960, he married Lorita Dee Methers of Magnolia Township.

Lorita was born on March 18, 1940, on a farm on Section 22 of Magnolia Township to Erwin H. (Bud) and W. Joy (Oviatt) Methers. She lived on that farm for 18 years and received 12 years of education at the Magnolia School. She attended Parsons College from 1958 to 1960.

They are the parents of four sons: Eric A., born 1961; Patrick T., born 1962; Daniel J., born 1963; and Jason A., born 1970. The Rider family moved to Section 23 of Magnolia Township in 1969. James was employed by

Harrison County to teach the Educable Mentally Retarded. The Rider family moved to the town of Magnolia in 1971 where they rented the Pete Weed house east of the Post Office. In 1972 they bought the Perne Bedsaul home where they presently reside.

Mr. Rider teaches sixth grade at the Magnolia Center. He was president of the Old Settlers Assn. for the years 1974 and 1975. He started the Boy Scout Troop 250 and served as Scoutmaster for several years. They are members of the Magnolia Methodist Church. Lorita serves as Magnolia representative on the County Bicentennial Committee and as Chairperson for the Magnolia Bicentennial History Committee.

S

SMALL FAMILY HISTORY

Joseph and Minnie Small moved to Magnolia in 1911. They lived on the farm now owned by Frances Carse. Joe farmed and was well noted for his real estate selling for ten years. This business was remembered by many people who came to know him in and around the Magnolia area. They had four children when they lived here. They were Hazel, 15 years old; Ellis, 13 years old; Alfred, 11 years old; and Floy, seven years old at the time. Joe died a young man while living here. He was 34 years old. He had an accident involving the cranking of their car and had internal injuries. He died in 1914.

Minnie lived here for about two years after Joe's death, sold the farm to Walter Crom. Minnie and the children moved to Mondamin for three or four years and she remarried. They then moved to Omaha for two years, then back on a farm in the Raglan area. Minnie died in 1956. Her children that have passed away now are Alfred in 1918, Hazel in 1958, and Ellis in 1967. Floy is Mrs. Riley Alexander of Mondamin and is still living in the Raglan area. Ellis lived in the Raglan area also and started his orchards there. His sons Gary and Russell and Ellis's wife, Ellen are still running the orchards.

His son Richard is living in Magnolia now. He and his wife, Kay moved there in 1968. They have seven children who are: Brenda, 20; Bonnie, 19; Betty, 15; Beverly, 14; Barbara, 12; Joe, 10; and Becky, 4. Richard has his own Electrical and Plumbing business in Magnolia. Joe has his great-grandfather's name which is Joseph Andrew Small and will be carried on for many years.

SAID FAMILY HISTORY

Hampton Said married Mahaila Bradley. They had Katie Wickham, Martha Murray, Sarah Hardy, Edward, Edmund, James, and William Said.

Edward Said married Bertha Steffon. To this union were born: Kathryn Elizabeth Michael, Pearl Uceal, and Helen Carol Said. They had three grandchildren: Betty Jean Girton, Georgia Kathleen Blair, and Darrel Edward Michael.

STEFFON-SAID NUPTIALS

OCTOBER 11, 1900

The marriage of Bertha, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Steffon, at their home in Magnolia Township, on October 3, to E. Said, was a very enjoyable affair to the large party that attended it. This young couple start out in

life with the best wishes of all, and with bright prospects for the future. May their lives be the realization of the best of everything.

The following is a list of the presents: Mr. and Mrs. John Steffon, stove and household furniture; Mr. and Mrs. William Steffon, five dollars; Mr. Henry Steffon, clock; Mrs. Henry Steffon, set of dishes; Freda Steffon, baby shoes and stockings; Lottie Steffon, baby hood; Mary Steffon, pepper and salt shake; William Peterson, lamp; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Unmack, set of dishes; Charley Unmack, washbasket; Marie Unmack, three tumblers and baby stockings; Mr. and Mrs. Fisher and family, six knives and forks, six large spoons and teaspoons; Mr. Henry Unmack, one dollar; Mrs. Henry Unmack, tablecloth; Mr. William Ganzhorn, ten dollars; Mrs. William Ganzhorn, tablecloth; Arthur Ganzhorn, berry dish; Ernest Ganzhorn, pair of towels; Dr. Weeks, pair of towels; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Said, water set; Mr. and Mrs. Gus Herman, two dollars; Lena Herman, one dollar; Fred Herman, 50 cents; Mr. Jim Case, coffee boiler and butcher knife; Mr. and Mrs. Olson, candleholder and candles; Mr. Frank Hill, parlor lamp; Mrs. Frank Hill, bread plate and doll. Anna Ganzhorn, sugar bowl and spoon holder; Effie Ganzhorn, berry dish; Henry Ganzhorn, sauce dishes, Elmer Ganzhorn, toothpick holder, salt and pepper shake; Johnny Hanneman, one dollar; Bertha Hanneman, one dollar; Henry Hanneman, pair of towels; Katie Hanneman, and Will Stirtz, tablespread; Dan Stirtz, pickle dish; Walter Stirtz, salt and pepper shakes and tray; Emma Stirtz, berry dish; Clinton and Tillie Koehn, set of goblets; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Berry, five dollars; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Barry, one dollar; Henry Hauff, one dollar; Laura Hauff, teapot; Will Said, set of glass dishes and sauce dishes; Lillie A. Williams, pair of towels.

DANIEL STEWART HISTORY

Daniel Stewart was born in 1853, the fourth of ten children, in Washington County, Ohio. His parents were Hugh Stewart and Ann McBride who were both born in Ireland.

Dan came to Harrison County in 1871 and worked on a farm for two years. His parents then came to the county and he worked for them for ten years. He then bought 200 acres of land, four miles north of Magnolia that is still owned by the Joe Stewart family. He married Matilda Morrow in 1883. She was born in 1856 and had lived with her parents until she married. Her parents were Patrick Morrow and Elizabeth Hasson who were both born in Ireland. Matilda was the last of eleven children born to them in Harrison County. They owned 1,020 acres of choice land.

Dan and Tillie had five children: Marie (Hough), Joe, Francis, Jane (Morhart), and Hugh (Etta Lucas.) Tillie died when the children were small.

Joe and Francis married sisters, Clara and Ellen Peterson. They raised their families on adjoining farms north of Magnolia. Joe on his father's farm and Francis on his grandfather's farm.

Joe and Clara had six children: Helena (married Jim Reardon, deceased and then Lyle Oliver), Marcella, deceased age seven; Robert (married Wyonetta Swain; Frances (married Theron Geith); Betty (married George Barry); and Shirley (married Charles Kersten).

Francis and Ellen had eight children: Richard (married Marjorie Young), Mary Jane, Maurice (married Lavonne Bothwell), Esta (deceased in childhood), Marjorie

(married Merle Sillau,) Phyllis (married Gus Cuva), Donald or "Mike" (married Susan Foster,) Keith or "Pat" (married Joanne Arndt).

They have a "Cousins Day" once a month, and they all live in this area except Frances Geith in Phoenix, Arizona. They all attended a country school, Windy Ridge, in grade school and went to Magnolia High School.

The Stewarts and Morrows were Roman Catholics and attended church at Magnolia. Most of the descendants are buried in the Magnolia Cemetery.

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JAMES TEAGUE

Mr. and Mrs. James Teague came to Iowa in 1890. They were natives of Alabama.

They worked for and farmed a place belonging to Alonzo Cutler. Their three children, Oscar, Lee, and Zelma attended the Magnolia schools.

In 1914 Mr. Teague purchased 80 acres on the Willow River northeast of Magnolia.

They were staunch Methodists and supported this church in Magnolia until their deaths. She died in 1930 and Mr. Teague in 1933. One son, Lee, continued to live on the farm until his death in 1966.

His wife, Ida (Purcell) Teague, now lives in Woodbine.



Lee and Ida Teague in their Centennial Costumes in 1953.



This picture was taken at a Sunday School picnic at the I.F. Bedsaul farm in 1910. James and Mattie Teague were in the buggy and the horses name was Billy.

WILLIAM TOVEY

William Tovey was born in Berth, Canada, May 14, 1832, and died March 12, 1911. He was married to Anastasia O'Connor, born in Cork, Ireland, September 29, 1834, died February 5, 1913. They were married in 1855 at Galana, Illinois, came to Iowa in 1870 and settled in Magnolia.

He was the "Village" blacksmith until he died. They lived in a home just east of the R.L.D.S. Church property.

Their children were Thomas Tovey, Ellen Sullivan, Anastasia Doyle, Margaret McKinney, and Elizabeth Schwertley.

The descendants of this pioneer family still living in this vicinity are: Frances (Tovey) Powell, Mary (Sullivan) O'Boyle, Mildred (Doyle) Hansen, Lucille (Doyle) Spooner, Harold Doyle, Teresa (McKinney) Spooner, Anastasia (McKinney) McColley, Margaret (Schwertley) Nolan, Donald, Dwight, Robert, Frederick and Mary L. Schwertley.

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UNMACH--STEFFON

Louis Unmach and Lizzie Steffon were married at the home of the bride's parents, in Magnolia township by Rev. J. M. Zellhoefer, December 22, 1887.

A pleasant time was enjoyed, in which eighty-seven persons participated. Music and refreshments were furnished to the convenience and satisfaction of all present. Some of the friends still lingered till the small hours in the morning, parting with regret that such a time did not come oftener.

The following presents were received by the wedded couple: household furniture, Mr. and Mrs. Steffon; clock Henry Steffon; knives and forks, Wm. Steffon; quilt, Bertha Steffon; brussels rocking chair, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fischer; table cloth and bedspread, Mr. and Mrs. Unmach; individual cups and saucers, Wm. Unmach; table cloth, napkins and \$1.00, Mr. and Mrs. John Hanneman; china cups and saucers and plates, Mrs. George Geith; \$1.00, Wm. Ganzhorn; comforter, Misses Ganzhorn; tub, set of plates and looking glass, Mrs. Ganzhorn; butter dish, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Unmach; \$1.00 and plates, Unmach and family; \$1.00, John Hauff; fancy sirup pitcher, Mrs. P. S. Smith; plates and desert dishes, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith; fruit

dish and glass water pitcher, the Misses Harder; \$1.00, Wm. Harder; comforters, Misses Menshing; center table, Mr. Menshing; large album, Mr. Reutlinger; album, Henry Hauff; illustrated large prayer and marriage certificate, F. W. Hauff Jr.; sup plates, Mrs. Fred Hauff; vegetable dish, Miss Katie Hauff; table cloth, Conrad and Dan Hauff; china water pitcher, Anna Hauff; glass fruit dish, Mr. E. and Tilla Fischer; china cream pitcher and sugar bowl, Mr. and Mrs. Bandlow; platter, Frank Lorenz, silk handkerchief, Miss E. Katie Hauff; \$2.00, Fred Hauff, Sr.; lamp, cups and saucers, Mr. A. J. Sass; glass sauce dishes, Miss Sass; china cake plate, Miss Anna Reinhardt; 50 cents, Wm. Reinhardt; water pitcher and tumblers, Phillip and Lizzie Stirtz; \$2.00, Mr. and Mrs. Christ. Tensmeyer; \$1.00 Henry Radtke; \$1.00, Tilla Radtke; sauce dishes, Albert Radtke; \$1.00, Mr. Charles Niece; pillow shams, Louisa Bitterlie. Ref. Logan Herald-Observer 1887.

UNMACK HISTORY

Henry Unmack married Minnie Schueller. To this union were born: Louis J. Unmack, William Unmack, Minnie Hanneman, and Bertha Geith.

Louis J. Unmack was born in Dunkirk, New York. He married Kathryn Elizabeth Steffon who was born at Iowa City, Iowa. Their children were: Charles Unmack and Marie (Unmack) Geith, and Arthur Unmack. They had seven grandchildren: Harry Unmack, Ruth Mendenhall, Paul Unmack, Charles Unmack, Engaletta Basher, Ellender Stefanic, and Theron Geith.

V

WILHELM C. VOSS

Wilhelm C. Voss, a retired farmer of the Magnolia Community, Harrison County, Iowa, was born March 17, 1888, in a log cabin on the farm where he resides. He is the son of Diedrich and Louisa (Winkelschier) Voss, to whom eight children were born: Herman, deceased; Mrs. Ida Ambrose, Missouri Valley, Iowa; Wilhelm C., Logan, Iowa; Adolph, deceased; Mrs. Minnie Merritt, Omaha, Nebraska; Frank, deceased; and Mrs. Johanna Johnson, Omaha, Nebraska.

Diedrich Voss, the father of these children, was born January 3, 1843, in Germany. After the death of his parents, the eldest son Henry took over the farm, and Diedrich, Fredrich, and William came to America. William homesteaded and took up a tree claim near Garland, Nebraska. Diedrich and Fredrich bought farms in Taylor township, in Harrison County, Iowa. Diedrich and William married sisters, Sophia and Meta Brinkleman (their German sweethearts.) Diedrich and Sophia Voss had five children: Mrs. Sophia Dix, Martine, Fred, Henry, and Theodore. After three years of crop failure, due to drought the first year and too much rain the next two years, the Vosses moved to a farm near Logan and in 1878 bought the farm in Magnolia township. After the death of his wife, Mr. Voss remained on the farm. On January 6, 1882, he was married to Louisa Winkelschier, and in the early 1900's they retired from the farm and moved to the town of Magnolia and later to Council Bluffs, Iowa.

"Bill" Voss attended the Oak Grove country school until he was 11 years old, then started to parochial school in Magnolia and walked that distance for three days a week, attending country school the remaining days, for two years during the winter months. At the age of 14, he quit school and started farming, remaining on the family farm where

he was born in a log cabin in 1888, married in 1913, continued to farm until 1974, and where he and his wife, Mamie, continue to live. He served on the Magnolia school board in the early 1930's and has been active in the Lutheran Church all of his life.

Mr. Voss was married on September 10, 1913, to Mamie Nelson, who was born February 14, 1890. She was the daughter of Hans P. and Mary (Christenson) Nelson to whom thirteen children were born: Mrs. Martha Bennett, deceased; Mrs. Mamie Voss, Logan, Iowa; Henry, deceased; Johnny, deceased; Thorvel, Missouri Valley, Iowa; William, deceased; Clarence, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Anna, deceased; Mrs. Frieda Gilmore, Modale, Iowa; Mrs. Marie Cooper, Long Beach, California; and Arthur, Riverdale, Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, who were natives of Denmark, first settled in Pottawattamie County, and later in Allen and Raglan townships in Harrison County, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Voss have two children: Mrs. Mamie Ehlert of Woodbine, Iowa, and Mrs. Winifred King of Mondamin, Iowa. Mamie is married to Hudson Ehlert, son of Fred and Jennie (Beebee) Ehlert. They have three children: Dennis, Roger, and Mrs. Jeanne Jackson.

Dennis and Lorraine (Hawn) Ehlert live at Cambridge, Iowa. She is the daughter of Henry and Lola (Jones) Hawn.

They have four children: Christine, Stacie, Jeremy and Jennifer. Dennis is employed by the State of Iowa's Department of Transportation in Des Moines. Roger and Jeanne (Rose) Ehlert live at Haysville, Kansas.

She is the daughter of Alonzo and Betty Rose. They have three children: Tamara, Jeffrey, and Richard. Roger is a Jet mechanic with Cessna's business Jet division in Wichita, Kansas. Jeanne and Robert Jackson live at Atlantic, Iowa. He is the son of Donald and Lila (Boe) Jackson. They have two children, Jill and Joel. Robert is a science teacher and Jeanne, an elementary teacher.

Winifred is married to Kenneth King, son of Frank and Belle (Silsby) King. They have two children: Mrs. Karen Hammitt and Karol. Karen and Donn Hammitt live in Marshalltown, Iowa. He is the son of Vern and Leta (Donn) Hammitt. They have one son, Mark Kenneth. Donn is in sales management with Fishers Controls at Marshalltown, Iowa. Karol and Rozanne (Meyer) King are of rural Missouri Valley, Iowa. She is the daughter of Bryan and Alice (Wallis) Meyer. Karol is a successful young farmer.



The Bill Voss farm showing the log cabin and second house. This house burned in 1923 and was replaced a short distance up the hill by the one they now occupy.

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FAMILY HISTORY OF CHARLES WHEELOCK

Charles Wheelock moved to Magnolia in the fall of 1867, settling on a farm purchased in 1864. He was originally from Vermont. He married Elizabeth Burris in the year 1864 and was the father of four children, Miranda, Nora, Ira, and Alice.

Mr. Wheelock had an impressive Civil War Record, participating in many battles, including Chickamauga, Shiloh, Lookout Mountain, and the capture of Atlanta under General Sherman. In the course of these battles, Mr.



Mr. and Mrs. William Voss.

Wheelock had his horse shot from under him, his beard shot off, his shirt collar torn by "rebel lead," his boot heel shot off, and survived sixteen bullet holes in his clothing. He was nicknamed "Bones" by his comrades, an apt description of his appearance.

After the war he came to Mills County, Iowa, and then on to Harrison County to settle on land he had purchased west of Magnolia.

Besides farming, he was a brick maker, situating his kiln just west of town. He built many cellars, vaults, chimneys, foundations, and several houses in the community. He constructed his own home of brick. It was a two-story structure, 30 x 32 feet, with two brick partitions that reached to the eaves, having 16 rooms. For many years it was considered one of the best in Harrison County. This house burned while rented to his son-in-law, H. N. Frazier.

He was at one time Vice Commander of the organization of The Grand Army Post in Magnolia.

He was a faithful man of God, seriously assuming his responsibility to his family in spiritual matters. The Christian concepts of studying the Bible and prayer were an integral part of this man's daily life and that of his family. He left his family not only a heritage in physical things but in spiritual as well, by his example.

His wife Elizabeth, died suddenly in 1901, in preparation for attending a meeting of the Women's Relief Corps.

At the close of his own life in 1907, he was living with his daughter, Alice Frazier, in their home above the Frazier store. He owned 953 acres of land in Harrison County, a goodly portion of it west of Magnolia.

His daughter, Miranda, married Ulysses Grant Edwards and gave birth to Charles, Lizzie, Bessie, Guy,

Irma, Ward, and Ralph. Ward Edwards married Laura Lola Edwards (same surname, different family) after serving in the First World War. They resided and farmed for many years many acres of the original Wheelock land west of Magnolia, then moved into town. They had three children, Blythe, Neal Ivan, and Glen who died at a very tender age. During World War II, Blythe married Ralph Edward Ellsworth, an Arkansas Air Force man. They resided for several years on this same farm west of town, farming some of the original acres of the Wheelock land. Due to a health problem, they moved to their present dwelling in Magnolia. Ralph has been self-employed for the last decade driving his own tandem rock truck. They have two children, Kenneth Eugene and Janet Eileen.

Kenneth married Brenda Globstad of Montana while on duty for the Air Force in that state. They now reside in Logan and have one son, Charles William. Kenneth is employed at Perfection Press in Logan.

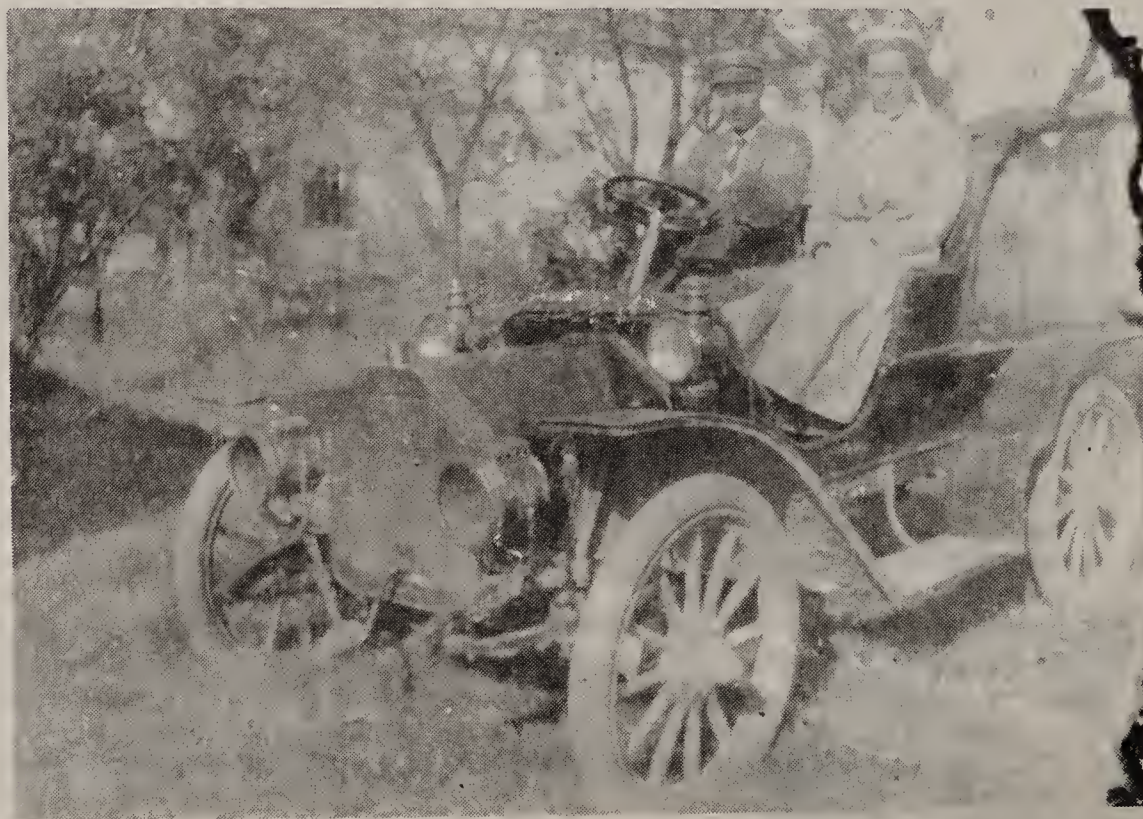
Janet married Rex L. Rhoten, a "home town" boy, they reside in town and have one son, Micah John. Rex is employed at Paxton Vierling Steel in Carter Lake.

Neal Ivan married a Milwaukee, Wisconsin girl, Beverly Borchardt, while attending school there. After he received his electronics technician diploma from The Milwaukee School of Engineering, he went to work for General Motors in the experimental development division. They reside in Milwaukee and have two sons, Patrick and Robert.

The remaining Wheelock property was owned by Guy and Ward Edwards, grandsons of Charles. At Ward's death, the land was willed to his wife, Laura Loa, who sold the remaining acres in 1973, thus ending more than a century's ownership of this land by the family.

Ref. 1900 Logan Herald-Observer.

Memories



Hane and Bertha Leach in their automobile. They operated a store in Magnolia at one time.



The old John Brown house in Magnolia. In January 1967 Leo and Ardis Hodges bought this property from Harrison County. The east half was torn off due to rotting of the building from water standing in the middle. The shade trees are a welcome sight on hot days, and especially "old Settlers" time.



Perne and Grace Bedsaul, ages 4 and 6 respectively.



The Cutler family in 1919. Kenneth, Marguerite, Carroll, and Kathleen holding Cyril.



Pat Stewart looks over the Shrinners Galloping Ford.



Taken January 11, 1938 of the 5th and 6th grades at Magnolia. Front row: Arthur Bowers, Lorraine Edelman, Georgia Michael, Sarah Rhoten, Eleanor Ploth, Beth Field, Mollie Jean Geith, Lucille Herman, Maurice Foland. Second row: Gayle Mahoney, Bobbie Kinsella, Keith

Travis, Fred Unmack, Howard Weed, Donald Gilkerson, Donald Tupper, unknown, Dwight Maaske. Back row: Miss Harris (teacher) Billy Buffum, Ralph Edwards, Muriel Reep, Maxine Dix, Gayle foland, and Dwight Skinner.



Coach Lauren Kersten and the Junior High boys' basketball team taken during the school year 1953-54. Roy Cooper, Paul Godden, Alve Fiege, Richard Arbaugh,

Walter Gochenour, Bill Freymuller, Bill Herman, Lyle Rhoten, Bob Forde, and Stanley Worth.



Henry Maaske and Bud Methner hitch the work horses up for another days work.



Jim Reardon rides shotgun on the stage in the Centennial Parade.



Frank Reardon and Francis Cates drive a hearse in the 1953 parade.



This Junior High girls basketball team in 1951 were: Janice Jacobson, Beverly Peterson, Cecile Jacobson, Barbara Blankenship, Virginia Arbaugh, and Jackie Benedickt. Second row: Coach, Beverly Brown, Sondra

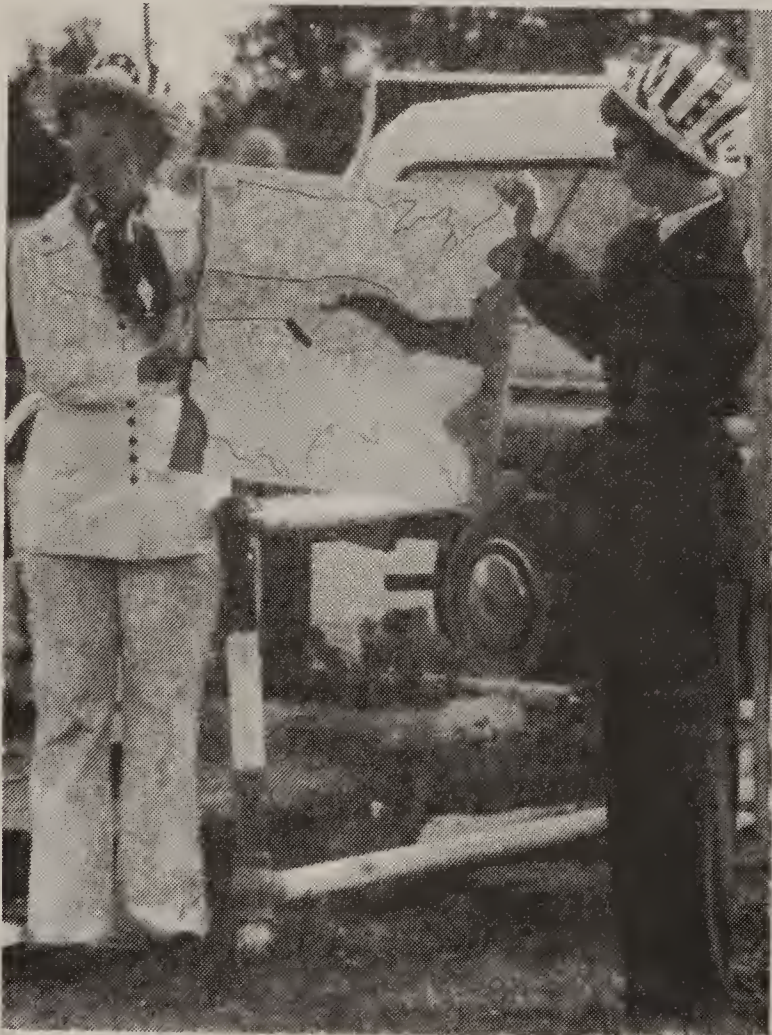
Mether, Shirley Arrick, Marilyn Stirtz, Marilyn Benson, Vivian Godden, Lorene Buffum, Clara Rhoten, and Coach, Lila Mae Michael.



A school play in 1950. Front row: Harold Hiller, Lois Allison, and Bob Heady. Second row: Janice Jacobson, Sondra Straight, Orma Herman, Jackie Benedickt, Marilyn Benson, Clara Rhoten, Marilyn Stritz, Wallace Gochenour, and Glen Earlywine.



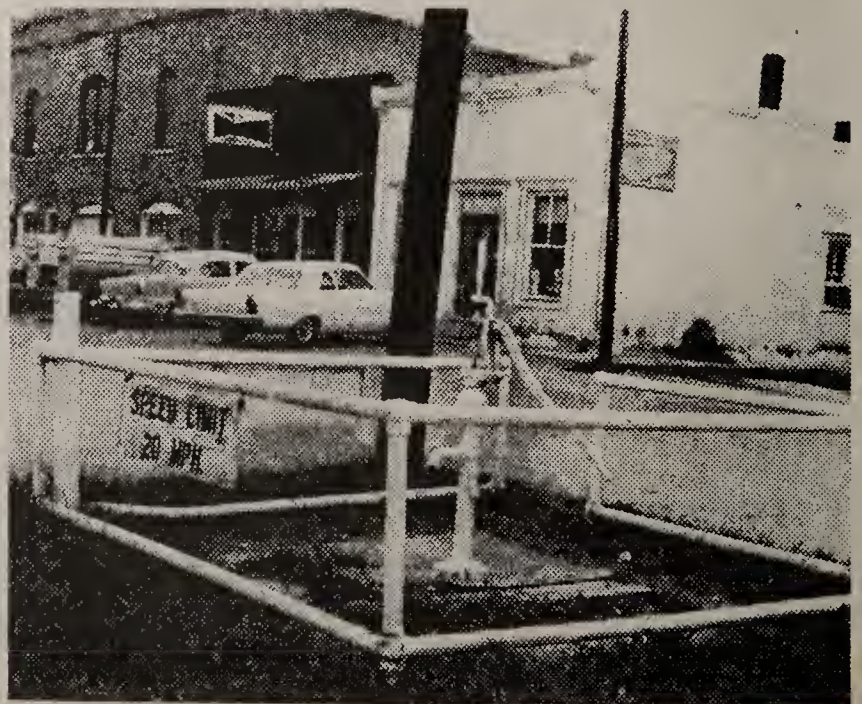
The Methodist Church float in 1953.



Sondra Straight and Lorita Rider showing illustrations they painted at the Bicentennial Flag presentation on June 18, 1976.



Zion Lutheran Church Centennial parade entry.



Town pump and buildings in the middle years.

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